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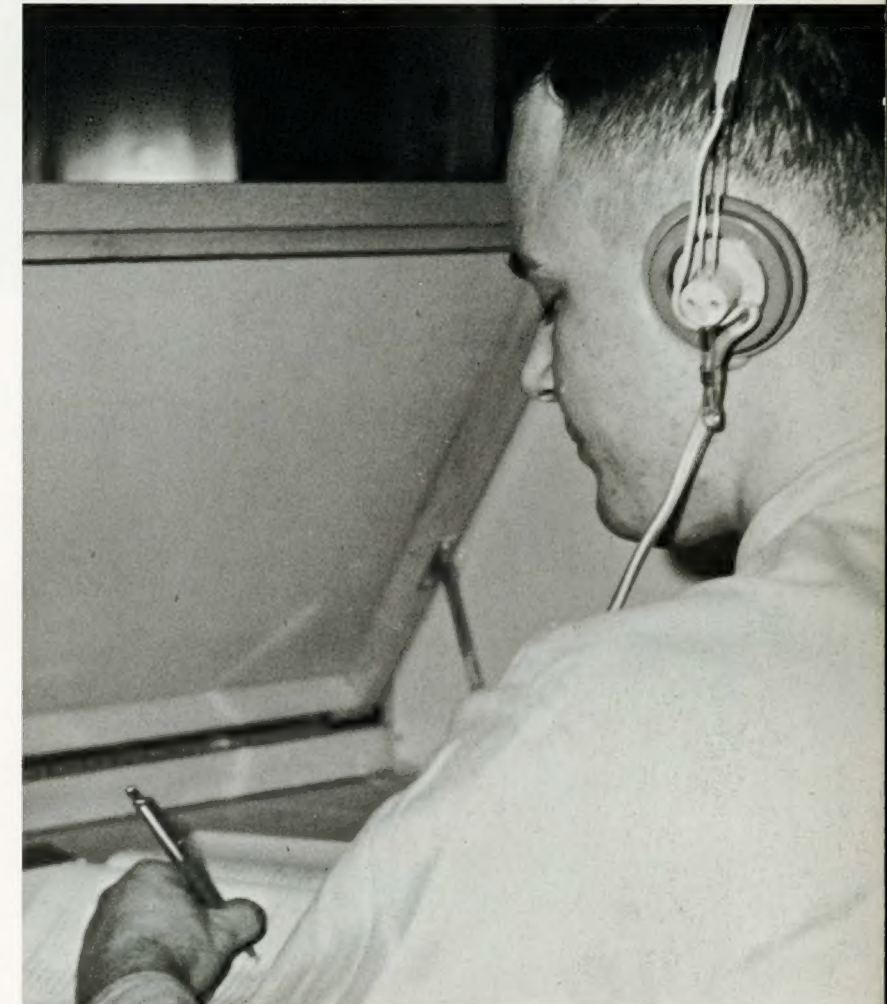




## Why Augusta?

With a heritage since 1865 of distinguished service to boys, parents and Country, Augusta Military Academy concentrates on the development of the whole boy. Basically, the program at Augusta rests on a sound, modern, academic approach. Featured are small classes, night help classes and visits during study hours by members of the faculty to help students who may be having trouble. Under a strong guidance program featuring two qualified counselors and teachers who have specialized in guidance and testing courses, the cadets have faculty advisers to whom they can turn at any time for help and direction.

Augusta's academic program stands well above average, as proved by the large number of post-graduate students who, after only one year's enrollment, have been prepared for college by the remarkable improvements made that year. Further, Augusta now has graduates at West Point, Annapolis, University of Virginia, University of Maryland, Washington and Lee University, Randolph-Macon College, Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia Military Institute, University of North Carolina, University of South Carolina, Pennsylvania Military College, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Ohio State University and at many more outstanding colleges and universities throughout the Nation.







Still Augusta does not neglect its athletic program, so vital for the development of young men today. The school fields talented teams in football, basketball, baseball, fencing, lacrosse, tennis, golf and soccer. Augusta's rifle team was national champions three years in a row. Augusta has an indoor swimming pool, a rifle range, tennis courts, facilities for track and a baseball diamond. The school also boasts a large, modern gymnasium for many athletic contests.







Though modern in many respects, AMA is steeped in traditions—traditions of saying “Sir”, of having its students attend church on Sunday, of having Vesper Services Sunday evening. It is modern in having a program of speakers, artists, and lecturers who visit the school for special assembly programs. Augusta encourages its teachers to take students on trips to nearby places which are outstanding in historical significance. Augusta cadets attend International Relations Club meetings, journalism clinics and tournaments throughout the state. Augusta’s marching unit, the crack drill team, the Charles S. Roller, III Rifles attend parades not only in Staunton and Harrisonburg but also in Alexandria, Washington,

Charlottesville and Winchester. In 1967 the drill team, the Band and the color guard received the singular honor of winning three first-place trophies at the George Washington Birthday Celebration in Alexandria.

Augusta is modern also in the texts used by teachers and in the language laboratory designed for the aural-oral approach. The school is forward looking in the changing scope of its curriculum, adding courses as necessary and updating subject matter every year.

Many other features could be mentioned, not the least of which is the ideal physical setting of the Academy. Located only eight miles north of Staunton and twelve



miles south of Harrisonburg in the heart of the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, Augusta enjoys a tranquil atmosphere highly suited for the educational improvement and total development of each cadet.

Superintendent of Augusta is Colonel M. Harris Livick, a graduate of the University of Virginia and of Madison College. Not only has Colonel Livick been a classroom teacher and coach, he has also been assistant to the past two heads of Augusta. His emphasis on sound academics coupled with a well integrated program of athletic, social, religious, and military development is reflected in every phase of life at Augusta.



## Features of the Augusta Program

At the beginning of each school year new cadets are given an intensive orientation program, lasting three days. During this period every student is thoroughly tested, with a minimum of three tests for each cadet. Such tests yield important information to guidance counselors, Headmaster and faculty advisers, enabling them to prescribe for cadets the most promising lines of development. Cadets also are introduced to military life at Augusta, learn the history of the Academy, learn how to keep their rooms and how to make beds properly. Night orientation lectures acquaint them with every facet of life at AMA. By the time old cadets arrive, new cadets have



settled calmly into the routine of Augusta. Throughout the year, the Superintendent and Headmaster are constantly in contact with department heads and faculty members to ascertain how each boy is progressing.

Study hall five nights a week features extra help classes of one hour. Monday night may be devoted to science, Tuesday to English, Wednesday to social studies, Thursday to mathematics and Friday to foreign languages. Boys with a grade below C- are required to attend help classes. But many A and B students also take advantage of nighttime instruction. To avoid overlapping of test days, tests in a particular subject area are given the day after that subject was covered at night.







At Augusta effort is rewarded. Students who make the Honor Roll are allowed one week-end leave at a specified time during the next six weeks. Those who make the Privilege List two consecutive times are allowed a week-end furlough on the same week-end as that specified for cadets on the Honor Roll. Further, students on the Honor Roll and Privilege List may have Saturday night permits to date young ladies for dances, movies or other authorized social functions. These privileges apply only to boys in the Upper School.

Protestant cadets at Augusta attend the Old Stone Presbyterian Church. They are encouraged to become a part of the church community by participating in the choir and in Youth Group meetings. Catholic cadets attend Mass at St. Francis Church in Staunton, where they serve as altar boys, readers at Mass and as ushers. On Holy Days Mass is said at the Academy. Jewish cadets attend services on Sunday at the Temple and are taken to Staunton for observance of high Holy Days. All cadets, regardless of faith, attend the Old Stone Presbyterian Church on Baccalaureate Sunday. Catholics are furnished transportation earlier for Mass in Staunton.

There are many other unique features at Augusta. The entire corps joins in observance of Veterans' Day in November, and afterward marches in a commemorative parade in Harrisonburg. On this occasion every cadet is provided with dinner at an outstanding restaurant and is allowed to attend movies in town.

And Augusta is always modernizing. In 1963 all the science laboratories were re-equipped and completely refurnished. A new 16-booth language laboratory has been installed. A new Lower School building was erected and named in honor of Major and Mrs. O. A. Davis who served at Augusta as house-parents for twenty-one years. The library has been modernized and expanded, and plans have been initiated for still more enlargement because of increased use the past few years.



## Academics









# Augusta's Academic Program

Augusta Military Academy is fully accredited by the Virginia State Board of Education and the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. Augusta is also a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, the Educational Records Bureau and the Virginia Association of Independent Schools.

Augusta offers courses of study which will lead to the AMA Diploma in either the Academic Curriculum or the General Curriculum. Each candidate for graduation is required to attend the Academy for at least one full year. (Students from foreign countries who are not proficient in the English language must attend the Academy for a minimum of two years prior to graduation.) Requirements for the two curricula are listed below:

## AMA DIPLOMA ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

ENGLISH .....	5 units
MATHEMATICS:	
First year Algebra	
Second Year Algebra	
Geometry	
Trigonometry and Algebra	
General Math or Advanced Math .....	5 units
SOCIAL STUDIES	
U.S. and Virginia History (required)	
U.S. and Virginia Government (required)	
World History and/or World Geography (required)	3 units
FOREIGN LANGUAGE:	
Latin, German, French or Spanish	
Two years minimum .....	2 units
SCIENCE:	
Two courses required, one of which	
must be chemistry or physics .....	3 units
ELECTIVES .....	3 units
MILITARY .....	1 unit
TOTAL .....	22 units

Eighteen units must be earned in the 9th to 12th grades or in the post-graduate year.

Students desiring courses which will lead to the AMA Diploma, Academic Curriculum may elect to take the five years of mathematics and two years of a foreign language or they may elect to take four years of mathematics and three years of one foreign language or they may choose two years of two languages along with four units of mathematics.

## AMA DIPLOMA GENERAL CURRICULUM

ENGLISH .....	5 units
MATHEMATICS .....	3 units
SCIENCE .....	3 units
HISTORY:	
U.S. and Virginia History (required)	
U.S. and Virginia Government (required)	
World Geography or World History	
(required) .....	4 units
ELECTIVES (above 8th grade) .....	5 units
MILITARY .....	1 unit
TOTAL .....	21 units

A minimum of sixteen units must be taken above the 8th-grade level.

All candidates for graduation are required to take the SAT (morning) program of the College Entrance Examination Boards. In addition, many colleges require that achievement tests be scheduled. Preferably seniors should take the SAT portion in December and the achievement tests in January or February.

The majority of juniors take the CEEB tests in March. In many instances, sophomores are encouraged to take the College Boards in March or May. All juniors at Augusta take the PSAT examinations and a large number also take part in the National Merit Scholarship program.





## Reports to Parents

At Augusta the alphabet system of grading is used, with a passing mark set at D. College certification mark is C. Parents receive reports at the end of each six-weeks' grading period. The school year is divided into semesters. After semester examinations, parents receive the third six-weeks' grade, the examination grade as well as the semester average. In June reports carry the final six-weeks' grade, the semester average and the yearly average.

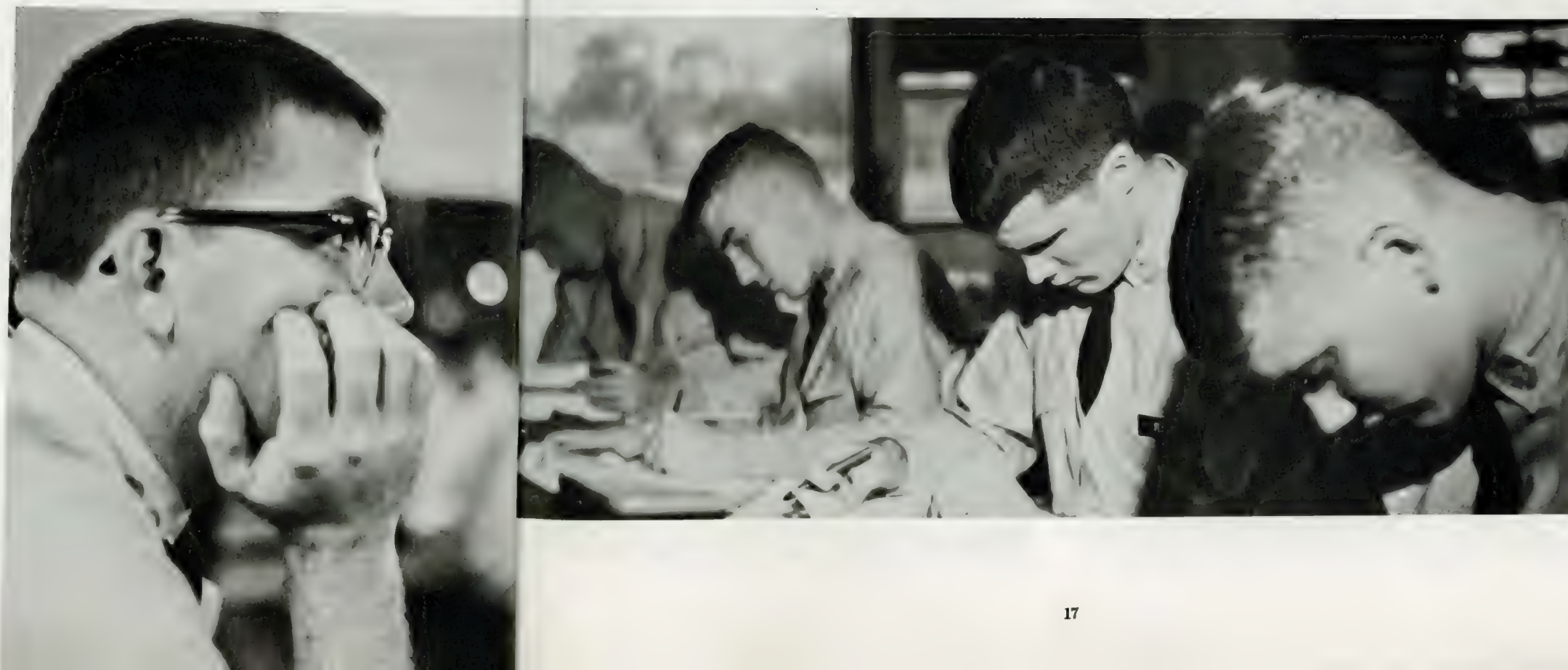
Reports of grades at Augusta include comments from the teacher in each subject area. Students who receive a grade below C- are required to attend night help classes in the course in which they are deficient for the next six weeks.

Examinations in subject areas occur on the same day. Thus all cadets taking English, for instance, take exams in that course on that day.

Cadets are allowed to drop a course with written permission from the parent directed to the Headmaster and with approval of the department head. No credit will be given for a course in which a cadet enrolls three weeks after the start of a semester. The exception is when a student transfers to Augusta from another school and continues the same course of study.

## Information Regarding Upper School Academics

Because more than 90 per cent of all graduates from Augusta Military Academy enroll in college afterwards, the program of study is designed primarily for college-bound students. The number of courses in each subject area is wide, affording unusual selectivity. Instruction at Augusta is geared to the specific needs of each student. Such individual attention is feasible because of the small classes, averaging no more than fifteen students per class except in the sciences. Developmental work is offered to potentially gifted boys whose progress may have been hampered by weak scholastic backgrounds.





## Supervised Study and Help Periods

As mentioned previously, Augusta has become noted for its program of evening help classes. At night during the week the five academic subject areas take turns in receiving additional emphasis. Instructors in each area hold classes from 7:15 to 8:15, and are then on duty until 9:30 to help cadets in their rooms. Students who need help give the signal by placing a white towel on their doors. And frequently, teachers who live in barracks remain on the stoops to assist as needed in the evening. The faculty at Augusta are vitally interested in the success of each student. For many boys this personal interest has furnished the incentive and motivation necessary for maximum effort. Small classes, help classes, supervised study, an interested faculty plus an alert Headmaster and Superintendent seem to be the answer. Augusta is interested in the boy who desires thorough training and who wishes to receive the special attention he requires to achieve full potential.



## Cadets Are Assigned Faculty Advisers

Augusta's guidance program is especially strong. Two guidance counselors in the Guidance Office direct the testing program and help in isolating those colleges for which cadets are best prepared. In addition, each cadet is assigned a faculty adviser who closely watches the boy's total development, including his academic and athletic progress at Augusta.

Many parents have discovered that one of the best ways to help their sons is to contact the faculty adviser. Since the adviser keeps a watchful eye on the cadet, he is able to give a keen evaluation of the cadet's status.

As a result of this program, the Superintendent has a clear picture at all times of every student's abilities and capabilities. On many occasions the program has helped Augusta cadets surmount academic difficulties and has guided them in the selection of the most suitable colleges and curricula.



## Augusta's Library Is a Popular Place

Following the move to a new location and the expansion of library services four years ago, the number of cadets who visit the library daily has steadily mounted. With more than 5,500 volumes in a school of approximately 427 cadets, the library offers a wide selection of books in many fields. Over 60 periodicals and a microfilm reader with film on file in specific important subject areas and a copier for aiding the student in research enable the AMA library to keep constantly abreast in the growth of necessary information.

In addition to the large number of reference books, novels, classics and current topic books, the librarian maintains an ever increasing supply of film strips and records. Each department at Augusta has a budget for the purchase of motion pictures, filmstrips and records needed in the audio-visual field. A faculty officer assists the librarian in his duty as custodian of audio-visual equipment, overhead projectors, slide projectors, movie projectors and other modern equipment necessary in the classroom today.

Boys are allowed to go to the library during any study-hall period of the school day. In addition, the library is open until 5:00 p.m. daily during the school week, two nights per week and also at specified periods over the week-end.

Augusta is fortunate in having the services of a dedicated librarian who explores every avenue to keep the AMA library ahead of those of much larger schools. Courses are given by him to every student at Augusta in the use of the library.





## English

English is the only subject required of all students each year while enrolled at Augusta. The program in English is particularly satisfactory because of the careful selection of excellent texts. Augusta offers 8th-grade English, and English 1, 2, 3 and 4. In addition, there are two advanced courses which have been extremely popular. English 5, usually taken in the post-graduate year, is designed specifically to help students who are weak in grammar, vocabulary and theme writing. An advanced placement course may also be offered for those students with high college boards who wish to enroll in a course designed for advanced college placement. World literature, creative writing, and formal papers aid this group of outstanding students in English 51.

Throughout the entire English curriculum emphasis is placed on vocabulary building and grammar. Each course has texts in these fields as well as in literature. Research papers are required of students in English 3 and English 4.



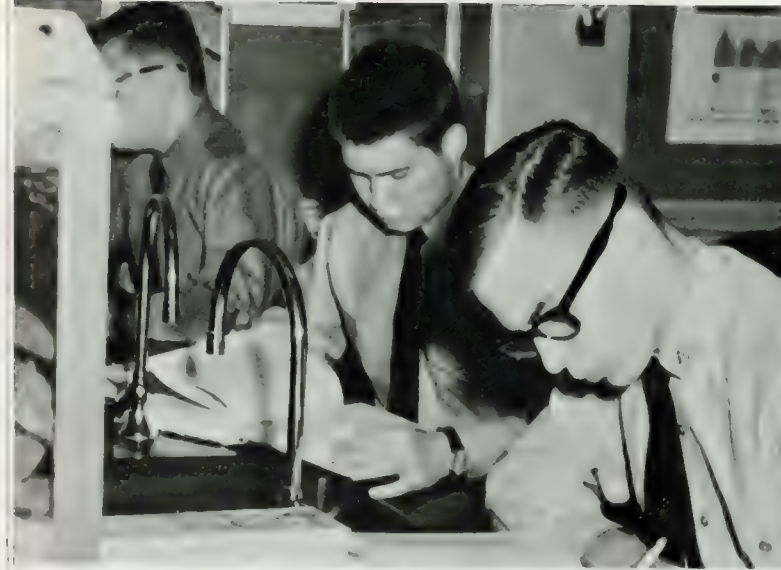
## Mathematics

In each of the past three years the number of students enrolled in calculus has increased. This advanced course, which may earn advanced college placement, can be taken by seniors who have shown aptitude in mathematics or by post-graduate students who have completed courses up to or including trigonometry and advanced algebra.

Eighth-grade students have a choice of two areas. A select few may begin the SMSG algebra program. Those students who have encountered difficulty in math take a strong 8th-grade general mathematics course.

Full year courses are offered in algebra 1 and algebra 2. The geometry course at Augusta follows the modern approach: both plane and solid geometry are studied.

Those students who have completed algebra 1 and 2 and geometry may take advanced algebra and trigonometry. This course is especially necessary for cadets who intend to major in science, engineering or related fields when they go to college.



## Science

Augusta Military Academy keeps its science department completely modernized and equipped to stay abreast of the swiftly changing field of science. Totally re-equipped in 1963, the department earlier had been modernized twice before, in 1952 and 1946.

Eighth-grade students are given an introductory course to life sciences for one semester and an introduction to geology the next. Both courses are designed for laboratory work and demonstrations. Audio-visual aids are used frequently.

An introduction to chemistry and introductory physics comprise the course given to 9th-grade students. They are introduced to the history of chemistry and physics and problem work is a part of the physics introduction.

Biology is offered at Augusta for 10th-grade students, primarily, although a senior course may be offered if demand is sufficient. The course follows the modern approach with emphasis on the BSCS materials. Individual investigations are studied.

Modern chemistry gives the student a firm foundation in problem work, acids-bases, ionization and organic chemistry. Work in the laboratory focuses on the fundamental approach to qualitative analysis. Students work in pairs, and each pair has a drawer and a storage locker for equipment. As in all of the sciences, each pair of students has electrical, gas and water supply outlets.

PSSC physics generally is given to students who have taken a course in chemistry. Individual study and experimentation are stressed, and the Physical Science Study Curriculum is closely followed.



## Social Studies (History)

World geography usually is given to students in the 8th grade. Modern texts are used, and problems relating to current events are emphasized. Either world geography or world history is a requirement of the Virginia State Board of Education.

Ninth-grade students are offered world history, which embraces a broad history of European and Asiatic countries. The scope ranges from the beginning of civilization all the way to current events.

One of the most popular courses at Augusta explores the histories of Latin America, the Far East and Africa. An elective, it utilizes paperbound texts to keep up with quickly shifting events in these sections of the world. Appropriate movies supplement texts.

Sociology, another elective, is quite popular in the curriculum of social studies. Man's place in society, problems of cities, race relations, ethnology, marriage, the home, education—all form the core of the material. Students are required to make charts, develop project materials and give oral reports.

Problems of Democracy, another elective, requires that students already have studied U.S. and Virginia Government or that they are currently studying it. The course







dives into problems facing the democracies of the world today. The purpose of the course is to form appreciation and understanding of the problems confronting U.S. democracy.

United States and Virginia History gives the student a picture of the dynamic development of this country—politically, socially, economically and culturally. In-depth studies of various phases of history give each student the opportunity for project, report and oral work. Movies, records and maps are used extensively. (required)

United States and Virginia Government also uses in-depth studies and project work to help the student understand more fully the vast work of government. Trips to places of interest, folders on news events and group discussions highlight this required course. Federal, state and local governments are studied in detail.

An economics course, a psychology course, a modern European history course are all contemplated as additions to the social studies curriculum. A final decision on the adoption of each of these, and exact types, will hinge on demand.





## Foreign Languages

Many colleges require at least two years of foreign language for admission. Cadets are advised to check requirements of the college in which they are interested. Some colleges also require applicants to take an achievement test in a modern foreign language.

Augusta is fully aware of the tremendous advantage of students who are proficient in a foreign language. So four languages are offered. French, Spanish and German may be studied as a modern language and Latin as a classical language. In French and Spanish, three years are offered. Two years are offered in German and Latin, with a third year added when demand justifies.

Students in languages enjoy the use of a 16-booth language laboratory. The aural-oral method is used, and each student is assigned ample time for individual improvement. Students preparing for college entrance should plan to take a minimum of two years of one language; three years are preferred.

## Developmental Reading

Each student who enrolls at Augusta is given a reading test during the orientation period. Two faculty members with master's degrees are in charge of the program. They carefully study the results of initial tests to determine the needs of each student.

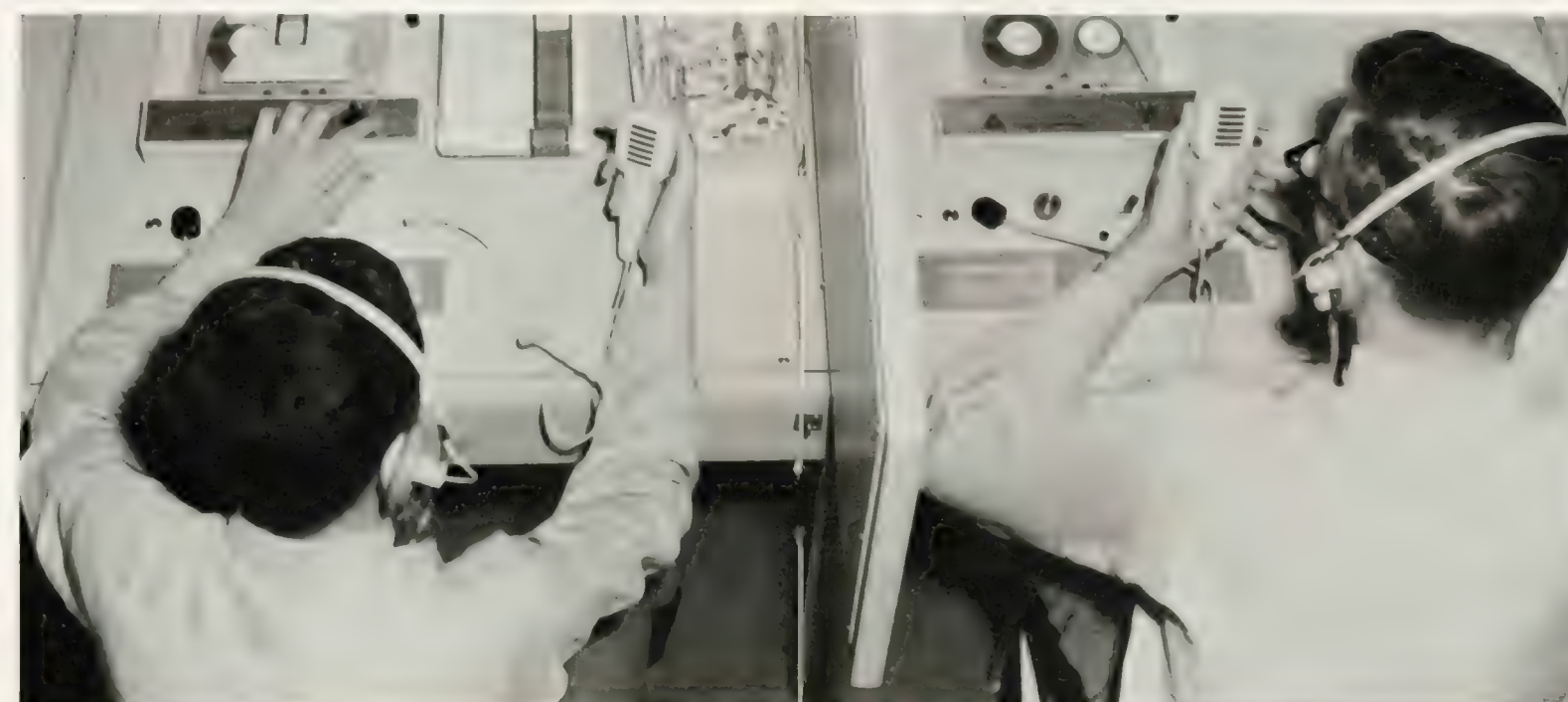
Parents are advised if their sons' performance falls below the norm, and enrollment in a developmental or remedial program may be recommended. Augusta has the latest equipment in the field, and both of the faculty members in charge are noted for their work in reading.

The course is a non-credit course, and is given at extra charge on request from the parent. Results in developmental reading have been outstanding. Many boys improve their reading levels by three or more years after only one semester in the course.

## Academic Achievements

As the parent may note, Augusta offers a wide range of courses. The effectiveness of the program at Augusta is reflected in the large number of prominent alumni, graduates who have become leaders in industry, medicine, the armed forces, education, engineering, mathematics and science.

Each year the achievements of students are recognized at graduation when medals are awarded to deserving cadets in each subject area. Particularly noteworthy is the medal, and monetary prize, awarded to the student with the highest scores on College Entrance Examination Boards.





## Summer School



Augusta's Summer Session lasts from mid-June until the first week in August. Non-military in nature, the session has become widely noted for the very small student-teacher ratio, the excellent study program, the Developmental Reading Clinic and the trip to historic or educational places.

The average number of students per class ranges from five to eight. As a result, boys make phenomenal progress during the summer session. Classes last two hours for repeat subjects, four hours for new subjects and three hours for the Reading Clinic. Boys may take two repeat units and work in the Reading Clinic, or one unit of new work and a course in developmental reading.

Classes are offered in both Lower and Upper School work. Study in the Reading Clinic is, of course, voluntary and yields no academic credit towards graduation. During the Summer Session classes are held from Monday through Saturday.

Afternoon recreation periods are scheduled, and a 2½-hour study hall at night is supervised by the faculty.

The historic or educational summer trip is a unique feature of the Augusta program. In past years excursions have been made to Washington, Williamsburg, New York World's Fair, Great Smoky Mountain National Park. In the summer of 1967 students visited Expo '67 in Montreal. Three chaperones accompany the boys on the trip, which lasts for five days.

A brochure may be obtained by writing the Director of the Summer Session, Box 67, Fort Defiance, Virginia 24437.





## Cadet Life







## Full Life at Augusta

Active is the word for life at Augusta from September to June. With a full program of athletics and a variety of extra-curricular activities, the Academy offers every cadet multiple opportunities to participate.

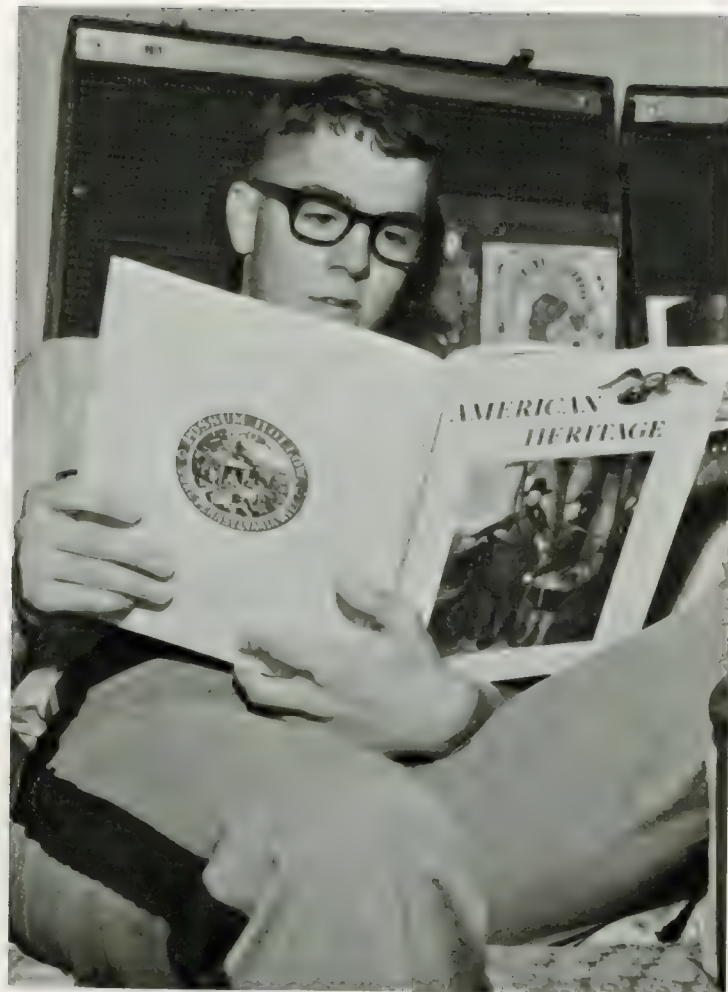
When football season opens, officers of the Cotillion Club make arrangements for girls from Stuart Hall and Fairfax Hall to attend the first game. After the game an informal dance climaxes the afternoon. Another informal dance in early October, a dance near Halloween and the Holiday Ball at Thanksgiving round out the fall social calendar. Officers of the Cotillion Club obtain blind dates and help with all arrangements for dances at the Academy. Frequently cadets invite their girls from home to social events at Augusta.



Augusta Military Academy has always stressed the importance of religion in students' lives. Besides the required attendance at church every Sunday morning, officers of the Vespers Committee plan a brief service for Sunday evenings. Choral groups, outstanding ministers and guest speakers often are featured at Vespers Services. One of the most gratifying experiences of the year is the avid interest of cadets in the Christmas Drive to support the Children's Home in Lynchburg. Contributions reached a new peak at Augusta in 1967 when cadets and faculty donated almost \$700 for a tremendous Christmas dinner at the Home.

Long a tradition at Augusta is the Honor System. The fundamental concept of the Honor System is that every cadet is truthful, honorable and fair-minded and that he expects every other cadet to be the same. Although the eleven members of the Honor Committee shoulder heavy responsibilities, the Honor System actually belongs to each cadet. (The Honor Code appears in full on page 74.) Each cadet who enrolls at Augusta is expected to uphold and support fully the Honor System.





Officers of the Student Body are selected by the Superintendent. They have charge of all student activities. The cadets appointed by the Superintendent serve as a strong link between him and the corps of cadets. Many suggestions made by these cadet officers have been acted upon favorably by the administration.

Publication work is demanding and yet rewarding. The yearbook of Augusta, the *Recall*, has won every major award in national and regional contests the past ten years. The yearbook is a member of the National Scholastic Press Association, the National School Yearbook Association, Columbia Scholastic Press Association, Southern Interscholastic Press Association and the National High School Yearbook Association. Cadets on the staff attend conventions at Columbia University and at Washington and Lee University. The adviser of the yearbook has been honored by the Outstanding Service Award, given only seldom by SIPA. He also has received the Gold Key from Columbia University.

Newspaper work at Augusta provides cadets with a vehicle for reporting, editorial writing, photography and salesmanship. The *Bayonet* is published approximately once a month during the school year.

Musical combos have become extremely popular at Augusta recently. With such titles as the "Fatigues" and the "Midnight Raiders", combos usually consist of four or five members. They are spotlighted at the Academy during informal dances and during intermission at larger dances.







In winter, the various companies give small informal dances, which serve as another unifying force at Augusta. For they kindle keen competition as to which company has the best decorated dance, the best music, the most dates. Musical combos furnish rock-and-roll rhythms so much in demand today.

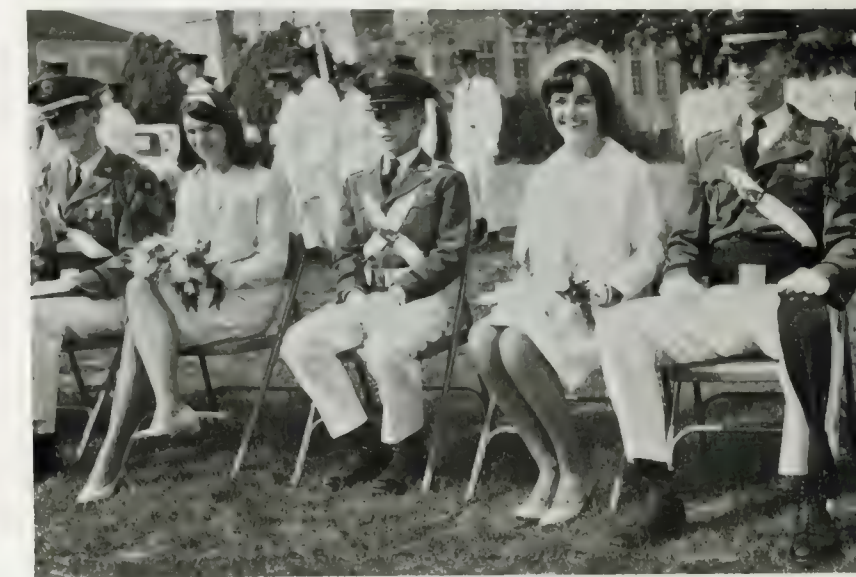
Twice during the year Augusta invites its patrons to Parents' Day at the Academy. Parents may visit classrooms with their sons, confer with teachers, guidance personnel and officers of the administration. In fall, Parents' Day is planned so as to coincide with a home football game and an evening dance. In spring, a buffet luncheon is arranged for all visitors. The Pin-Up Queen dance is held that evening.

Cadets at Augusta have enjoyed the excitement of Pin-Up Queen dance for almost twenty-five years. Students submit photographs of their girls to a panel of judges, who then select a Queen, First Princess and three other Princesses to serve in the court. A figure is presented by the cadet officers at the coronation of the Queen. On Sunday a luncheon and a parade in honor of the Queen completes the week-end.

The real climax of the school year occurs at Finals, when the Literary Society presents a program of declamations and debates. Medals are awarded to the best debater and the best declaimer in both junior and senior societies. Sunday is a day of excitement and pageantry, beginning with Baccalaureate Services, which all cadets attend. The sponsors (usually mothers of the cadets) are then honored with a colorful parade, followed by a buffet supper given by Mrs. Charles S. Roller, Jr. and Colonel and Mrs. M. Harris Livick. The final Vespers program, attended by many parents, ends the day.

On Monday of Finals, the deciding competition is held for the best drilled cadet, the best drilled platoon and the best drilled company. The awards, including cups and medals, are highly coveted at the Academy. Caps sail high in the air that afternoon when seniors are honored with a Graduates' Parade.

AMA's delightful Final Ball begins with a formal figure and is noted for its striking decorations. An unusual feature at Augusta is the supper for all guests who attend the Final Ball.



Graduation the next day is awaited with anticipation. For not only do seniors receive their diplomas, but medals, cups, and trophies are presented. And the ten cadets chosen by faculty vote and by any cadet members of Ad Astra Per Aspera Society are inducted as new members. This honor, the greatest that can be accorded a cadet at Augusta, is restricted to cadets who have attended the Academy more than one year. The society, founded by the late General Charles S. Roller, Jr. in 1925, bases membership on service, leadership, honesty, integrity and devotion to the high ideals of Augusta. Faculty members are Col. M. Harris Livick, Col. W. L. Gardner, Col. S. S. Wales, Col. J. C. McCue, Jr., Col. P. V. Hoover, Col. E. W. Perkins, Col. C. E. Savedge and Col. J. D. Kramer.



And there are many, many more activities at Augusta: the meetings of the International Relations Club, trips by the club to Roanoke, to Charlottesville and to other historic areas, the publication of a newspaper in German, the excitement of the football banquet at Thanksgiving, the thrill of the first snowfall, the brisk activity on the hills when snow is deep and cadets take to sleds and skis and, when ponds freeze, to ice skates. There are basketball games, wrestling matches, fencing meets and swimming meets—all contributing to the fun of life at Augusta. And in spring, some cadets discover the enjoyment of fishing with faculty officers, of attending baseball games and track meets, of watching rugged lacrosse matches, of simply playing a fast game of tennis.

And there are movies at Augusta every Saturday night, a parade every Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. and town leave on Saturday afternoon. There is a barber shop, a cadet supply store and a dry-cleaning store on the grounds. The book room is open twice weekly. And for cadets whose parents have deposited money in the school bank, there are banking hours on two specified days a week.

Cadets at Augusta Military Academy find enjoyment in studying together—and learning together. On innumerable occasions boys help one another, to their mutual advantage. Teachers are always around to counsel students and to talk with them. The Superintendent and the Commandant frequently visit boys' rooms just to see how things are going. Life at Augusta is fun and also rewarding, because the faculty and administration are genuinely concerned about the welfare and progress of each boy at AMA.

Well fed boys mean satisfied boys. Augusta has always insisted on balanced well prepared meals and is noted for excellent food: milk twice daily, potatoes every day, meat at both lunch and dinner, fruits in the morning and deserts at lunch and dinner. At some meals cadets may choose from two meats. Second, third and even fourth helpings are not uncommon at Augusta. Most parents find their sons soon "shape up" physically as a result of the regular hours and the wholesome, appetizing food at Augusta.







## First Year Rules (New Cadet Code)

Hazing at Augusta is non-existent, and is an expelling offense when committed. To emphasize the fact that there is no real difference between an old cadet and a new one, General C. S. Roller, Jr. issued an executive order in September, 1951 which abolished all but three forms of differentiation. No cadet is allowed to run errands for another cadet nor perform menial tasks of any nature. However, all new cadets at Augusta must observe these three rules:

- (1) All new cadets must be at formation by first "fall-in".
- (2) No new cadet may walk or play in the courtyard or talk on the stoops.
- (3) All new cadets must attend Evening Vespers every Sunday.

Experience has shown that each boy feels he really belongs at A.M.A. from the first day at the Academy. Such is the desire of every old cadet and every teacher at Augusta.

## Development

The variety of activities at Augusta provide the boy with many outlets for his energy and talent. Socially, there are dances; spiritually, there are Vespers and church services. The school hopes that each boy will feel he has a home away from home, and know his parents are never forgotten. Augusta also hopes to mold every boy into a clean, understanding, well-rounded gentleman.







## Moral and

Augusta Military Academy is non-denominational, and boys of any faith or creed are accepted. Although Augusta is not a religious school as such, it firmly believes that moral and religious influences are as important as academic and physical programs in the molding of men. Each member of the faculty subscribes to this belief and helps instill it in the cadets. All students are required to attend church every Sunday. In addition, Augusta has a school chaplain.

The Academy is situated within several hundred yards of the Old Augusta Stone Church, the oldest Presbyterian Church in the state. Here Presbyterian services are held every Sunday. AMA's Protestant students attend the 11 A.M. services.



## Religious Programs

While Protestants attend the Old Stone Church, Catholics and Jews are transported into Staunton or Harrisonburg every Sunday to attend services in churches of their faiths. During the school year, St. Francis Catholic Church in Staunton sends priests to Augusta to hear confession. Jewish cadets are, of course, allowed to attend their Holy Day services.

As a matter of policy, moral instruction is given on every possible occasion. Speakers on religious subjects are invited to address the cadets; all meals in the mess hall are opened with a short prayer by a cadet; and there is a brief prayer service in the Assembly Hall every morning before school.







## Points of Interest

On occasion trips are undertaken by the entire Corps to various points of interest. The Corps often has participated in the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester and frequently has won the prize for the best-drilled unit. Every year the Corps takes part in the Veterans' Day celebration in Harrisonburg.

In addition to such trips by the entire Corps, the Roller Rifles and the Band often participate in festivities in and around Staunton. And cadets on athletic teams journey to all parts of the East Coast to compete with prep schools, Naval and Military Academies and high schools.

Many points of interest are nearby, and cadets may enjoy them in their spare time. For example, Willow Spout adjoins the home of Mrs. C. S. Roller, Jr. A phenomenon of national attraction, it was recently featured in "Ford Times", magazine of Ford Motor Company. A watercolor of Willow Spout appeared with the article. The history of the spot goes back to 1826 when, according to tradition, several workers had laid a pipe from a nearby spring to the willow tree on the Valley Pike. During the night, someone turned on the water and it flowed to the bottom of the tree. The tree was hollow from the ground up to about three feet, where a small crack was evident. When the workers returned to work the next morning, they saw water gushing from the tree. During the Civil War, the Stonewall Brigade often traveled up and down the valley, and Willow Spout was their favorite camping site. Today Willow Spout is enjoyed by travelers from all sections of the U.S., and it is a favorite spot for cadets on a short hike from the Academy.

In historic Staunton is the birthplace of Woodrow Wilson. It is open daily to visitors. Trinity Episcopal Church on West Beverley Street is another notable landmark. The Virginia Legislature once sat in session there during the Revolutionary War.

In addition, there are several educational sites not far from Augusta. Natural Chimneys, a geological miracle, is located at Mt. Solon, Virginia. The famous Skyline Drive is less than twenty miles east. And Grand Caverns, at Grottoes, Virginia, is some fifteen miles northeast of the Academy.







## Traditions at AMA

A tradition at Augusta which frequently astounds travelers is the salute from A.M.A. cadets. When walking along the Valley Pike (Route 11), cadets render the courtesy of a salute to approaching automobiles. The school has received countless letters of praise from people who pass the Academy. One high-ranking officer in the Armed Forces wrote the late Principal to compliment the cadets and asked, "How did your boys know I rated a salute?" Everyone rates a salute from an Augusta cadet as a sign of recognition, greeting and courtesy.

Another long-standing tradition at A.M.A. is the annual pep rally and bonfire preceding the game on Thanksgiving Day. The band, the cheerleaders and the whole Corps take part, wearing every conceivable kind of costume. Songs, yells, cheers, snake dances and just plain youthful fun are the results.

At certain meals, the Superintendent makes important announcements to the Corps, and usually adds an informative talk on various subjects from world events to the harmful effects of smoking and drinking. A banquet is always given at Thanksgiving and before spring rest period. Guests include the cadets and the faculty and their wives. Highlighting these banquets is presentation of awards and the speeches of recognition by the Superintendent. A holiday dinner for the cadets is customary before Christmas leave and at Easter when school is in session. And the most treasured tradition of all is the friendliness of the cadets and the faculty at Augusta!

As an expression of esteem for all mothers and particularly for those mothers present at the Academy on Mother's Day, a special parade is held in their honor. Visiting mothers review the Corps, and each cadet wears a flower on his jacket in honor of his mother.

Commemorative services are held three times a year. The first is on November 11 when special services are held near the plaques honoring the men of Augusta who gave their lives in World Wars I and II, Korea, and Viet Nam. On May 8 services are held in honor of the founder, Professor Charles S. Roller, and his sons, Col. T. J. Roller and Gen. Chas. S. Roller, Jr. On March 16 special commemorative services are held for the beloved late General Charles S. Roller, Jr., who held the position of Principal, from 1908 to 1963.



# Military













# The Purpose of Military

Although literally hundreds of Augusta graduates have served with honor in the armed forces of the nation, (some 75 have been killed in action all over the world) it has never been the primary aim of A.M.A. to turn out professional officers.

The purpose of Military Instruction and Training at Augusta Military Academy has always been the development in each cadet of that sense of responsibility, respect for the principles on which this nation was founded and the traits of character that mark a leader and a man among men.

Beginning in 1966, the office of the Professor of Military Science and the Commandant began to merge into one. Thus, the Commandant and his staff are responsible for all phases of military life at Augusta. This includes the organization of the Corps of Cadets, the appointment of cadet officers and non-commissioned officers, the maintenance of discipline and the conduct of military instruction both in the classroom and on the drill field.

To assist in carrying out this rather varied mission, the Commandant's office publishes the book of AMA Regulations as well as special bulletins and training directives to guide cadets in their military activities.







## Organization

AMA's Corps of Cadets is organized along the lines of an infantry battalion with six lettered companies and the band. All positions of command are filled by cadets. The battalion commander, whose title at AMA is "First Captain", is assisted by a staff of cadet officers and non-commissioned officers. Each company is commanded by a cadet captain assisted by his lieutenants and first sergeant. Each lieutenant commands a platoon made up of three or four squads. The squad is the smallest military unit and consists of eight cadets commanded by a sergeant.

This organization is more than just a parade ground formation. Rooms in barracks are assigned by companies and the chain of command and military customs and courtesies are followed.

### Cadet Officers & Non-Commissioned Officers

The cadet battalion, like any military organization, is only as good as its leaders. The selection of cadet officers is therefore an operation that demands the utmost care.

The First Captain is generally a member of the senior class and usually a cadet who has risen through all of the lower ranks in the course of his career at Augusta Military Academy. The other captains and all

## of the Corps

the lieutenants are cadets with honorable records at AMA. They are selected by the Commandant with the approval of the Superintendent based on demonstrated qualities of leadership ability, honesty and integrity. Recommendations from all teachers, coaches and members of the staff and faculty are carefully considered in making these selections. To be a cadet officer at AMA, a boy must demonstrate his ability in the barracks and in the classroom as well as on the drill field, for the same military discipline must prevail in all of these areas.

The cadet non-commissioned officers may be chosen from any year, but are always "old cadets", this is, boys with one or more years at AMA.

"New Cadets" always begin as privates, but may be promoted to private first-class by Christmas. Outstanding "New Cadets" may attain the rank of corporal if assigned as acting assistant squad leaders. This is a distinct honor for a new cadet. It is a military adage that one must learn to follow before he is qualified to lead. This is the principal reason why New Cadets (First Year boys) are held to the rank of corporal and below and also the reason for special rules called "New Cadet Regulations."

To sum up, the principles of good leadership are followed in the selection of the officers of the Cadet Corps.



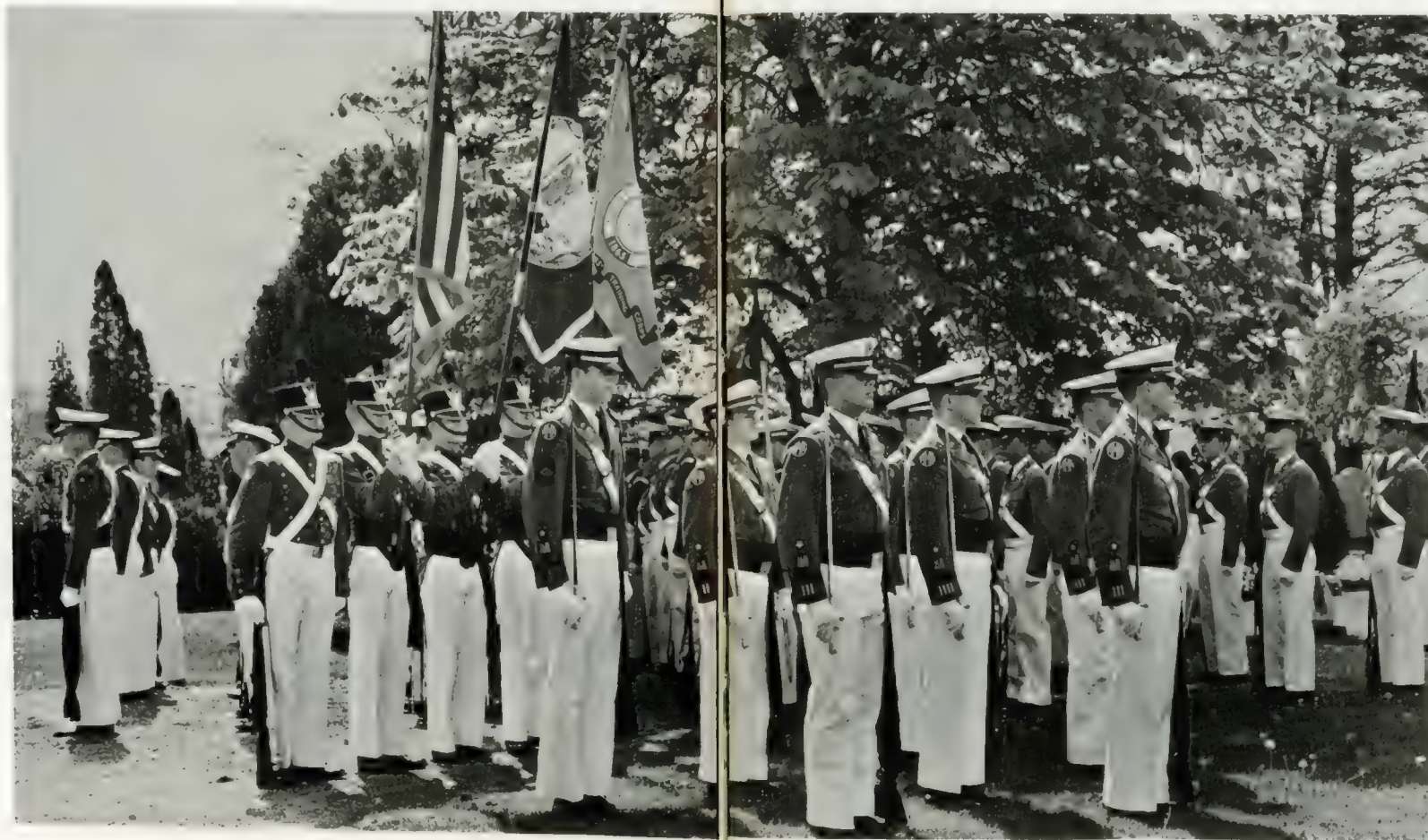




## Discipline

All cadets are subject to the AMA Code of Cadet Conduct (The Honor System) and to Cadet Regulations of Augusta Academy. The Code of Cadet Conduct embraces the general principles of living by the Golden Rule and can be neatly summarized by the statement: "A cadet of Augusta Military Academy never takes unfair advantage of another." The Honor Code is explained in more detail in another section.

Cadet Regulations are the various rules established by the Commandant with the approval of the Superintendent which govern the day to day life of the AMA cadet in the barracks, in the classroom and on the drill field, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for the entire period of his life at Augusta Military Academy. These regulations appear in printed form in the so-called "Blue Book", a copy of which will be in the possession of each and every cadet. They prescribe the guide lines for life at Augusta. For instance, here is found the daily schedule of calls, the type of uniform and insignia and when they are to be worn, the instructions for room inspections, corps formations, reporting procedures, rules on privileges, permits and furloughs and a host of details. One cadet was heard to say "If it isn't covered in the Blue Book it must be unheard of, impossible or not yet invented." Generally speaking, AMA cadets are expected to act like gentlemen and responsible patriotic Americans.



## Military Training Program

Military training at Augusta is based directly on the Army Training Program. The recent merger of the office of the Commandant and the Military Department at Augusta assures the implementation of sound military training at AMA.

The formal military training program which includes classroom instruction in weapons, small unit tactics, map reading, military communications, methods of instruction and a dozen or so other subjects is conducted for grades 9-12. This part of the program is called Military 1, 2, 3, and 4 and if completed gives a cadet a background equivalent to the first two years of the senior army ROTC program at most colleges and universities.

Prior to World War II, graduates of AMA and other military prep schools were tendered U.S. Army reserve commissions without further training. Today, no secondary school cadet is commissioned unless he first earns his bachelor's degree at his college or university. Frequently the question is asked, "Will the training he gets at AMA help my boy if he goes into the ROTC program at college or if he enters the Armed Forces?" The answer is, "That depends on the boy. If he absorbs and retains his military training at AMA it will definitely help him, but the mere fact of his having attended a military school will not of itself have any influence".

In addition to the four levels of formal military instruction, all cadets, regardless of age and grade in school, participate in the drills, parades, reviews, inspections and ceremonies that give color and flavor to Augusta. Indispensable to this part of the program is Band Company which is commanded by a cadet captain and organized in exactly the same manner as the line companies. The difference is that the bandsmen carry drums, trumpets, trombones and cymbals instead of rifles. The Band, nevertheless, is required to drill on occasion with rifles. As a mark of distinction and in recognition of their extra service to AMA each band member is permitted to wear the golden fourragere on his left shoulder.

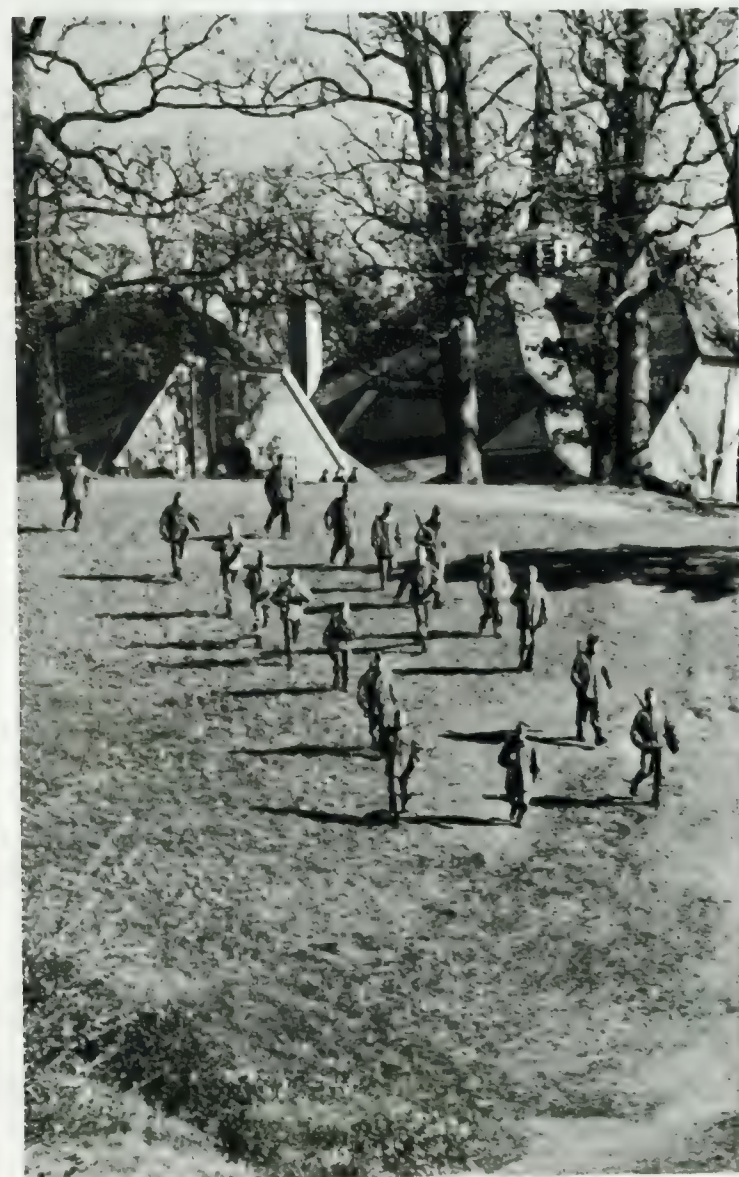


# Marksmanship

Special mention should be made of this phase of the Augusta military program. The 2d amendment to the US Constitution says, "A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed."

The marksmanship program at Augusta is designed to educate our cadets in the legitimate use, precautions to take and the care and maintenance of fire arms. Each spring or fall all cadets enrolled in MST 1, 2, 3 and 4 take part in a program of marksmanship instruction that includes practice and record firing on the outdoor 25 meter range. Those who shoot and qualify will receive marksman, sharpshooter or expert medals. Safety with firearms is stressed at all times.

The indoor 50 ft. range is used constantly in the winter months by AMA's rifle team. In years past cadets firing on this range have brought the highest honors to Augusta, including nine National Championships. Any cadet capable of hefting the heavy target rifles may try out for the rifle team.



## The Roller Rifles

This is AMA's crack drill team, originally formed in 1945 and named in honor of Charles S. Roller III. More than just a drill team, the Roller Rifles is an honor Military Society. New members must be unanimously accepted by all old members and must be approved by the Honorary Commander and the Superintendent. Members of the Roller Rifles wear a special shoulder patch and a red fourragere on the left shoulder. The unit has in past years been invited to participate in the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, the Governor's Inaugural Parade in Richmond, Alexandria's George Washington's birthday festival and other events too numerous to mention. Visitors to AMA on Sundays during the spring and fall will see the Roller Rifles perform.



## Cadets' Day



From Monday to Saturday the day begins at AMA with Reveille at 6:15 A.M. There is a formation and roll call at 6:25 A.M. following which is wash and clean-up time. Breakfast is at 7:00 A.M. On school days, school call goes at 7:40 A.M. There is an assembly at 8:00 A.M. at which orders for the day are read out. Classes begin at 8:05 A.M. and run through 11:40 A.M. After lunch there are two more class periods and school is out at 2:35 P.M.

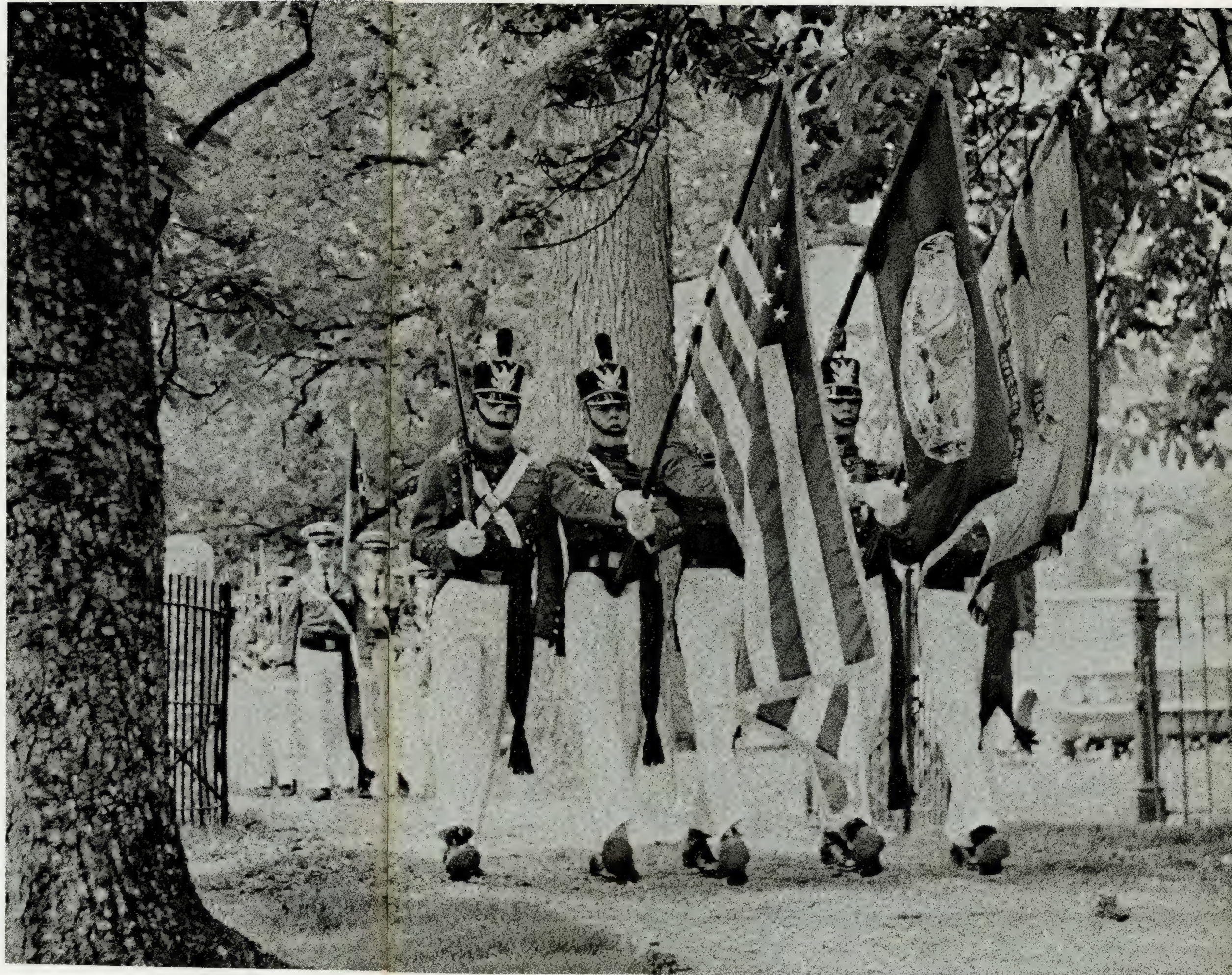
On drill days (2 or 3 days per week depending on the season) drill call is at 2:45 P.M. and over at 3:45 P.M. The rest of the afternoon is given over to athletic and extra curricular activities.

Dinner is at 6:00 P.M. and is followed at 7:15 P.M. by Call to Quarters—which means all cadets must be in their rooms or classrooms studying for the next day's lessons. Study Hall is released at 9:30 P.M. at which time cadets begin to ready themselves for bed. All lights are out and cadets in bed by 10:30 P.M. Bedtime for the junior school is, however, an hour earlier.

This routine is followed 5 days a week, Monday through Friday. On Saturday there are no classes but the morning may be taken up with military training. Saturday afternoons are free for town leave, and there is a movie Saturday night at school.

On Sunday there is no Reveille formation and breakfast is an hour later. At 9:30 A.M. there is a rigid Room Inspection conducted by the Commandant's Office, after which all cadets go to church. There is always a Parade at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday afternoon. Sunday night supper is voluntary. After Supper there is a Vespers service at 7:15 P.M. and at 8:15 P.M. CQ and Study Hall begins again for the next week.

All of the activities described above are timed and regulated by bugle calls under the supervision of a Cadet Guard detail (a Cadet Officer and two Sergeants) and the Officer in Charge (a faculty officer) on duty in the absence of the Commandant.





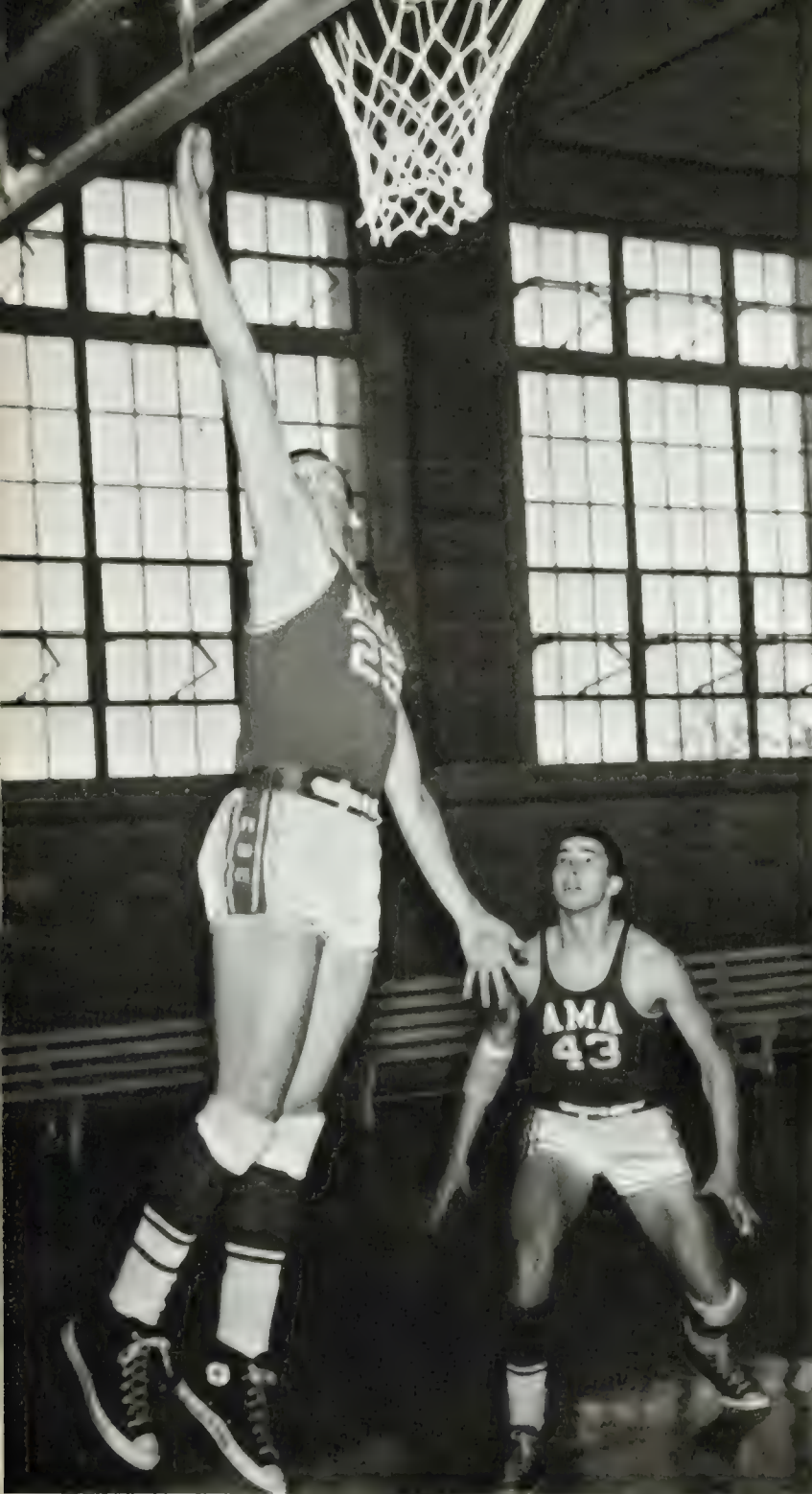




## Athletics







## Football

In the fall of the year, football is the king of the sports, but different from most schools, at Augusta each boy can make a team. In addition to the Varsity and Junior Varsity, Augusta has a team in the Junior School. The "Peeps" provide training ground for boys from sixty pounds on up to one hundred and fifty. These teams are carefully coached and guided by expert coaches who stress the fundamentals of the game and instill good sportsmanship in each boy.

## Augusta's Athletic Program

Augusta's athletic program complies with the Virginia Military Schools' League rules. Under this program each season has resulted in great satisfaction to the boys who play, to cadets in the stands, and to the administration.

Here, at Augusta, a boy who is interested in athletics, has ample opportunity to engage in the sport or sports of his choice without competition from older and more experienced athletes.

The Augusta athletic program provides a system of participation that is broad enough to include any boy regardless of age, weight or experience. Each boy at Augusta finds that there is a team on which he can play, and each team is coached by a competent faculty officer.

The physical features of the Academy lend themselves well to athletic competition. Augusta has one of the finest and most modern gymnasiums in the South. Basketball courts, wrestling rooms, volleyball courts, a rifle range, and parallel bars, "horses" and weight-lifting equipment are included in the Memorial Gymnasium. Adjoining the gymnasium is a modern swimming pool, heated the year round, and tested daily for purity of water used. There are also two football fields, a lacrosse field, smooth cement tennis courts, a fencing hall, a baseball diamond, and a nearby club with facilities for golf.



## Basketball

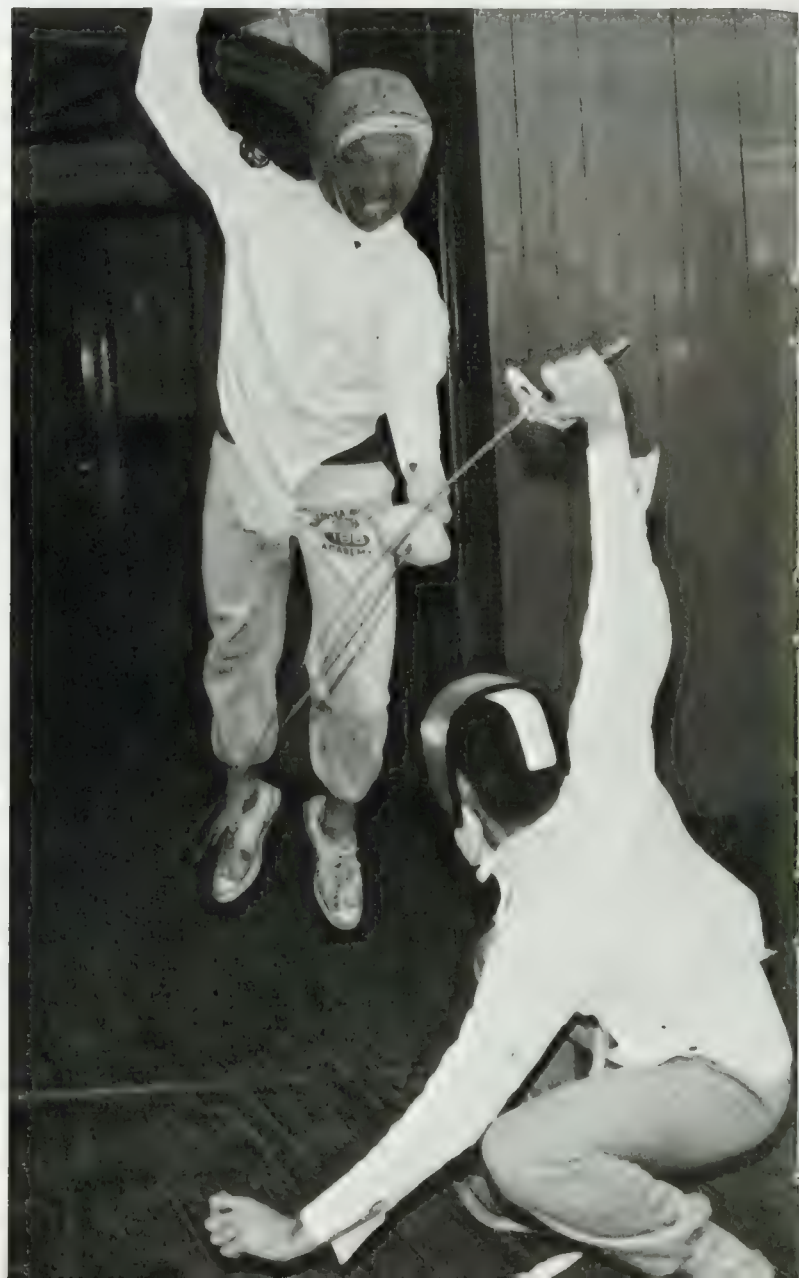
Interest in basketball is not restricted to the winter season, for the courts in the gymnasium are open to cadets at regularly scheduled times. Augusta has two well-coached teams, and each plays a full schedule of games against teams of its type. The Varsity and Junior Varsity play the teams of the other military and prep schools and the Varsity competes against a number of college freshman teams. In late winter the Military Schools' League sponsors a basketball tournament. After this period, activity of an intra-mural nature sees as many as 16 A. M. A. teams in intra-scholastic competition.





## Track

AMA's cadets participate in all events in track. Recently records have been broken by Augusta men in the broad jump, the 100 yard dash, and in the shot put. Records have almost been broken by recent track men in high jump, pole vaulting, and in 880 relay. Practices begin in track in winter as the last of the snows recede. From then on, the cinder men are hard at work.







## Fencing

Augusta is proud of the fact that it has one of the few prep school fencing teams in the state and that in 1963 the fencing team was undefeated in competition. This is a sport which requires maximum individual instruction and demands a high degree of skill and agility from the participant. Fencing is divided into three weapons, all of which are used in meets. They are foil, epee, and saber, and meets are held each year with leading college teams including West Point and Annapolis.







## Wrestling

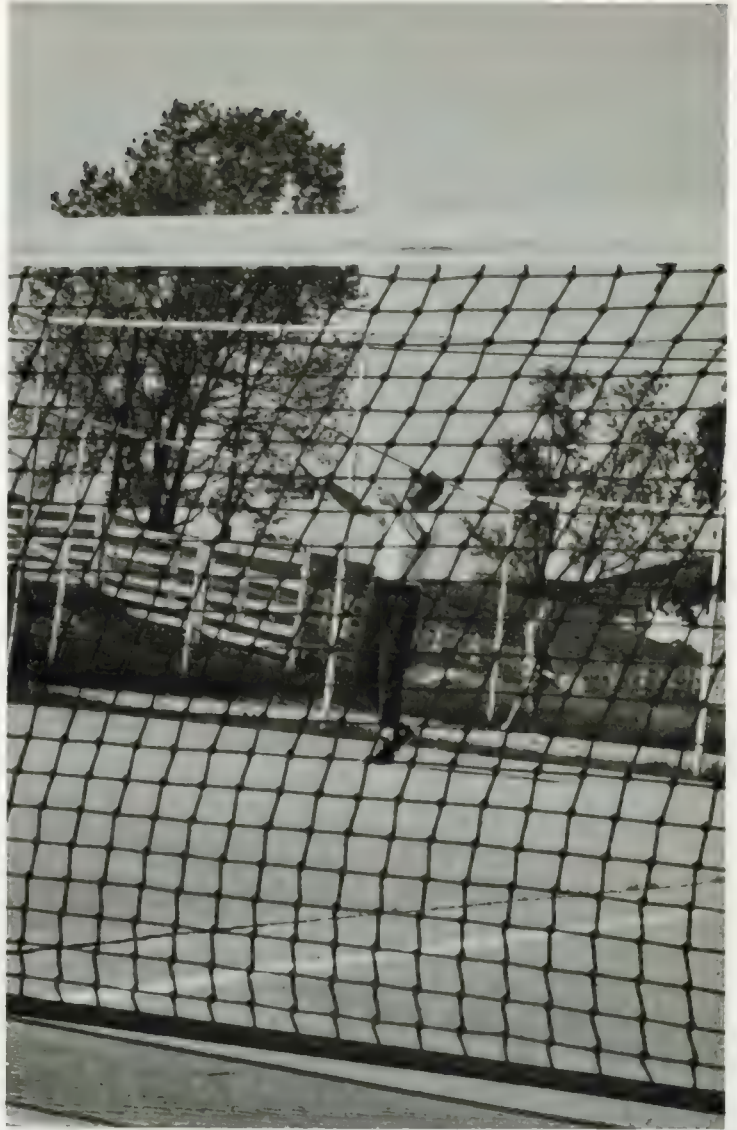
Wrestling is a sport which helps instill in the boy a spirit of self-confidence. Every boy should know his own physical prowess, and wrestling is one of the best sports for determining one's ability. The team is coached by a highly competent instructor. For the past two years, the team has produced several state champions at the meet held in Charlottesville at the University of Virginia.

## Swimming

Not only is swimming a competitive sport, but it is one which brings a great deal of pleasure to each boy as a recreational activity. Intramural swimming provides the cadets with a knowledge of water safety. Diving is a specialized form of swimming and recently a new and better type of diving board was installed. For several years the U. S. champion backstroke record was held by an Augusta cadet. The teams have made an outstanding record for themselves under efficient coaching.

## Tennis

A source of constant enjoyment throughout life is the ability to play tennis and play it well. Although most sports are limited to school and college competition, tennis, like golf, is considered a social asset. The Academy has concrete tennis courts and can be used in any weather. Tennis is instructed by an expert and thorough faculty officer. The tennis team plays many teams in the area and has placed men on the state champion list.



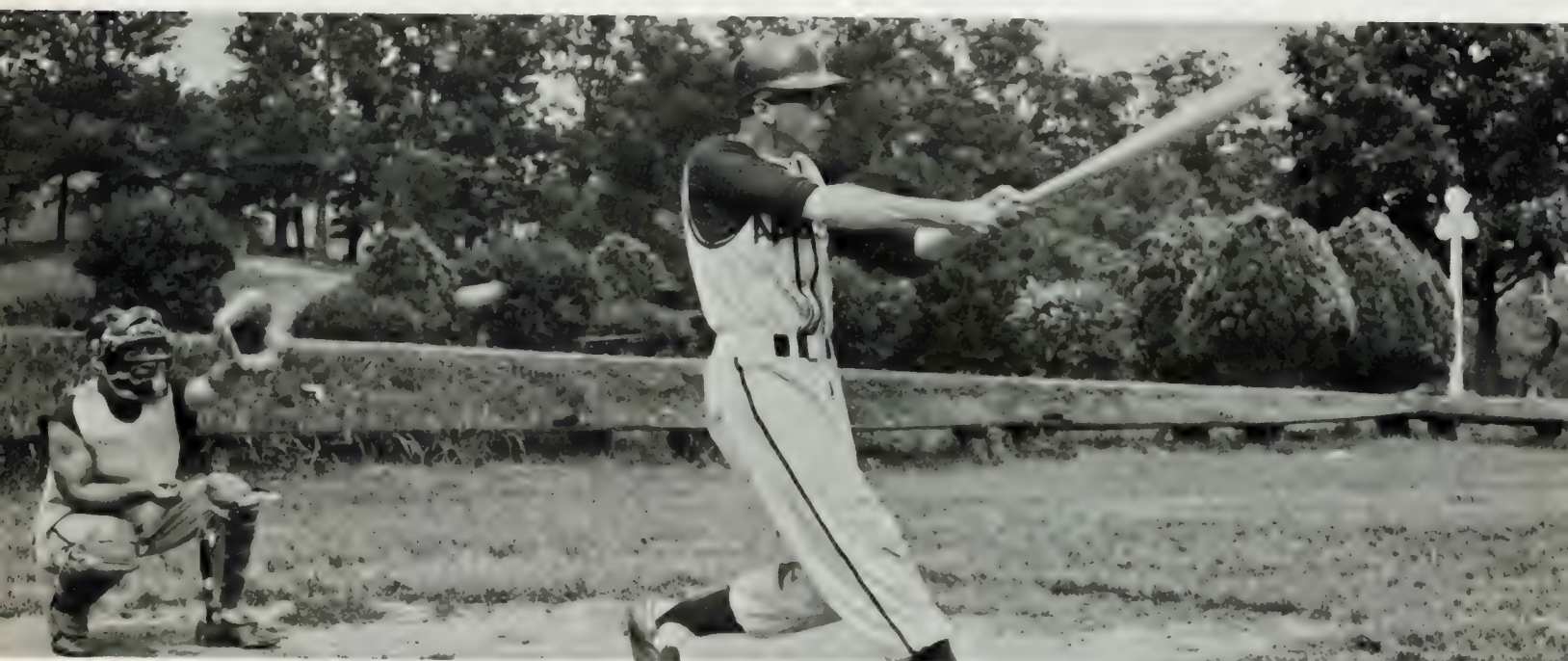


## Lacrosse

In recent years an athletic activity which has become increasingly popular is lacrosse. The fundamentals of the game are carefully taught by able faculty instruction. Facilities are available for all boys interested in lacrosse, and games are scheduled in the state and with several Maryland teams.

## Baseball

If football is king in the fall, and basketball in the winter, baseball rules the spotlight in the spring season. In fact, as soon as the weather begins to warm up late in February, catcher's mitts and baseballs are in evidence around the school. In 1948 a new baseball field was leveled behind the Academic Hall. The fundamentals of baseball are



developed in the players by careful supervision and coaching. There are several teams in this sport, as in other Augusta sports, and each boy has an opportunity to play either baseball or softball. Company competition is particularly keen when intra-mural baseball is played.

## Golf

While tennis is usually considered desirable, golf has come to be practically a social necessity. It is indeed a game which everyone should understand for its physical and social values. Although the school does not have links available on the grounds, the golf team uses the facilities of the Ingleside Hotel. The hotel is only five miles from the Academy and has an excellent 18-hole course. All boys who are interested in the sport may make arrangements with the hotel to play on the club's links.







## Soccer

Newest team sport at Augusta is soccer. Attracting a larger and larger number of participants each year, AMA's Soccer-Streaks play a full schedule of games with nearby military schools and college freshmen teams. In two recent seasons, the soccer men were undefeated.



## Indoor Rifle Range

The Rifle Team, which has been mentioned under the Military Department, has the facilities of an indoor rifle range in the gymnasium. Besides trying out for the team, each cadet is given instruction in the use of small arms and each has his ability tested on the rifle range. The rifle range and team is under the direction of a competent military instructor and Augusta teams have been outstanding for the past few years. State champions for many years, the A. M. A. Rifle Team has worn the crown of national champions for nine years.



## Other Athletics

In addition to the many sports mentioned above, the cadets occasionally organize clubs to suit their specialized interests. A Tumbling Club is sometimes organized when the ability to exhibit tumbling prowess is desired by a number of cadets. Weight-lifting is always popular and many of the boys bring their own equipment and use it in the gymnasium. Volleyball is played in wintertime. Soccer is the newest team sport at Augusta and for the past two years, has been one of the most popular.

## Athletic Awards

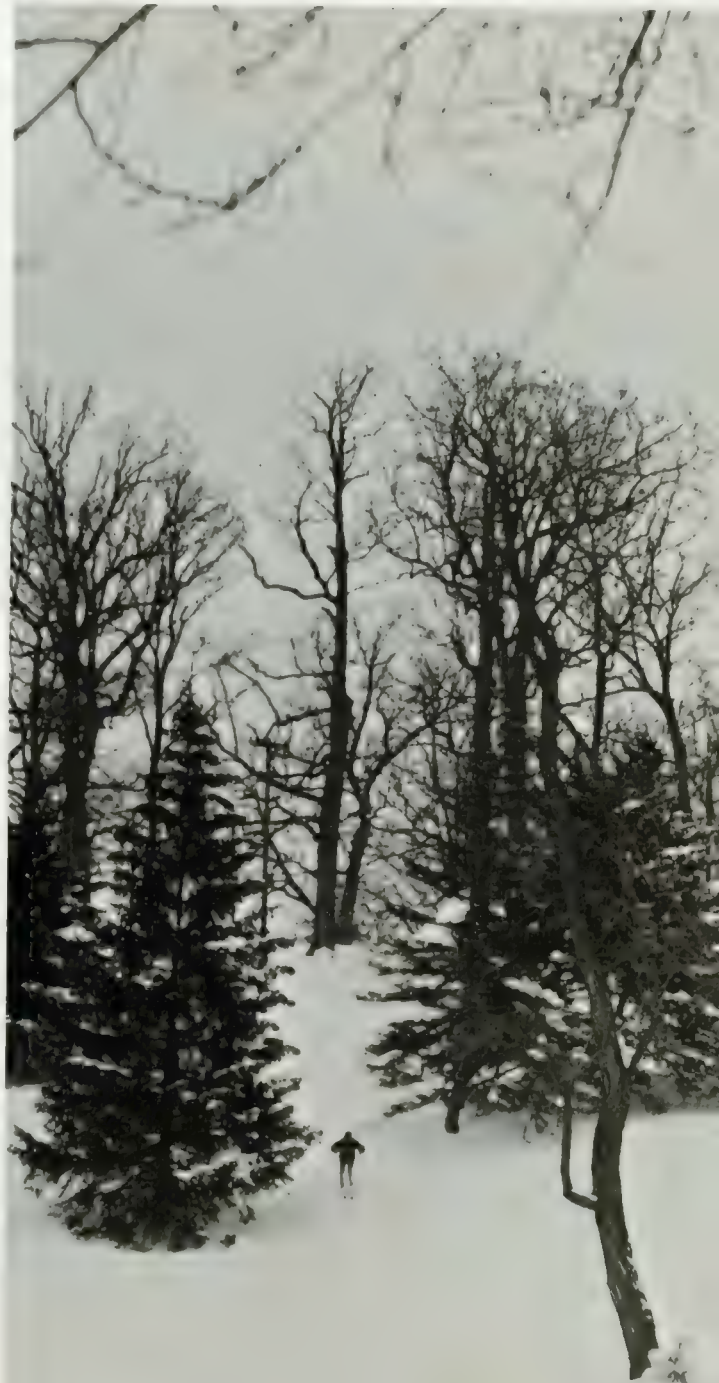
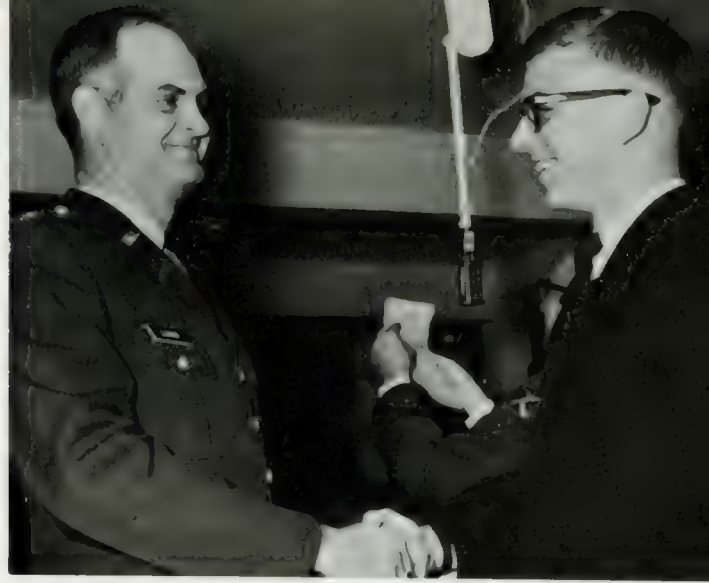
Recognition of success is important in stimulating interest of all boys. As in every phase of activity at Augusta, success in athletics is awarded with special banquets when athletic letters and medals are presented by the Superintendent. Augusta has a sound system of awarding deserving boys and each boy who meets the requirements of participation set by the athletic department is awarded with an "A" or a certificate. The award "A" is a large white letter, bordered with blue, and is highly prized by all cadets. It is worn on the white sweaters given by the A. A. to those who have won letters in football, basketball, and baseball. Any boy who earns a letter in a minor sport may wear the letter on a standard sweater. Medals are also awarded intra-mural contestants and to leading companies.

## The All-Around Boy

Augusta encourages each boy in academics for sound mind development. The military system regulates the hours and habits of the boy and encourages neatness and cleanliness. Augusta's social program helps each boy develop social graces. Morality and religious training is in evidence every day, not just on Sundays. With the sound athletic policy of the school, each boy has a chance for physical development and the development of those qualities which come with all athletics—sportsmanship, honesty, and the never-say-die attitude needed by everyone.

## Athletic Fees

To help sustain the athletic program, each cadet is required to pay \$30.00 upon entrance. This fee entitles the boy to the use of all athletic equipment and admission to all games. Checks must be made payable to the A. M. A. Athletic Association. This fee must be paid before registration is completed by the cadet.





## Lower School





Lower School's Davis Hall forms the background as two students relax during class changes. Deane's "Castle" and the Main Academic Building are visible also.

## Lower School Program



One of the delights at Augusta the past few years has been the swift development of the Lower School. To meet this growth, a new Lower School Barracks, Davis Hall, was constructed in the summer of 1965. Modern and fire-proof, it is an ideal home for boys in the 5th, 6th and 7th grades. Besides the cadets' rooms, Davis Hall includes classrooms, a day room where the boys have recreation facilities, and a spacious reception room. This new barracks is truly a home away from home for youngsters.

The house mother of the Lower School has two sons of her own, both graduates of Augusta. Her apartment is located in Davis Hall, so she is always available to help her 10- to 13-year-old charges. Mending clothes, helping straighten lockers, advising boys about activities, cheering the homesick—these are just a few of the duties of the busy housemother.

In addition to the housemother, the Head of the Lower

School is always there with help and advice. He makes sure the younger students take part in afternoon recreation and also that they shower daily. Moreover, two cadet officers live in the Lower School Barracks and they too help with instructions in military courtesy, discipline and neatness. A daily inspection plus a rigid Sunday morning inspection keep Davis Hall spic and span. In fact, the Lower School cadets have been winning honors Sunday after Sunday with the superior rating earned by their barracks.

Private parties add a personal note to the social life of Lower School students. Highlight of the fall season is the Halloween Party sponsored by Mrs. Livick, the Cotillion Club, officers of "F Troop" and the faculty of the Lower School. In the spring the young cadets enjoy an afternoon tea party, with young girls from the surrounding area as their guests.



Lower School students always participate wholeheartedly in Vespers Services. For the past five years they have adopted the Lynchburg Orphanage Christmas Fund Drive as their own special project. To this worthy cause they have donated more than \$100 every year. Competitively, they thrive on the keen rivalry with older cadets at parades. And frequently "F Troop" cadets march off with first place at Sunday parades.

There are many more enjoyable activities for Lower School "men". They have their own picnics and field their own athletic teams. "McDowell's Raiders" has been outstanding in football competition during the fall. The Junior Roller Rifles practices for a real show at Finals; and sometime the older cadets have had to look to their laurels in order to overcome the challenge of the Junior Roller Rifles.



## Lower School Academics





The Lower School consists of the 5th, 6th and 7th grades. The 5th graders, sensitive to praise, have shown enormous pride in their achievements. Departmental teaching has been used successfully with these youngsters, and the results have been gratifying. Each 5th-grade student receives instructions in reading, writing, arithmetic, health, sci-



ence, geography, English and spelling. If reading tests indicate that a course in developmental or remedial reading is advisable, the parent is notified in early fall.

The 6th graders continue with a more vigorous program than that of 5th graders. The 7th grade is divided into two sections. Again departmentalization is featured. Recently a program of physical education was introduced. All Lower School cadets are scheduled for a period of physical training during the sixth period of the day.

The testing program of the Lower School was recently expanded. In addition to Otis Beta tests, Iowa Silent Reading tests and the Differential Aptitude tests, the Lower School cadets receive a testing program at the beginning and at the end of the year using the Metropolitan Achievement tests. Such a program has proved most helpful in tracing the profile of development of each boy in the Lower School.





## Lower School Study Hall

Every night during the school week, Lower School boys have their own separate study hall under the supervision of a member of the Lower School faculty. Hours are from 7:15 until 9:00. On Sunday nights the cadets are allowed to study in their rooms after Evening Vespers.

Augusta believes that sound training in the elementary grades is vital for success of students in high school. For this reason the academic program in the Lower School is both comprehensive and thorough, and classes are limited in size. Usually there are no more than 16 boys per class. Because of these limitations, patrons of the Lower School should submit applications at an early date.







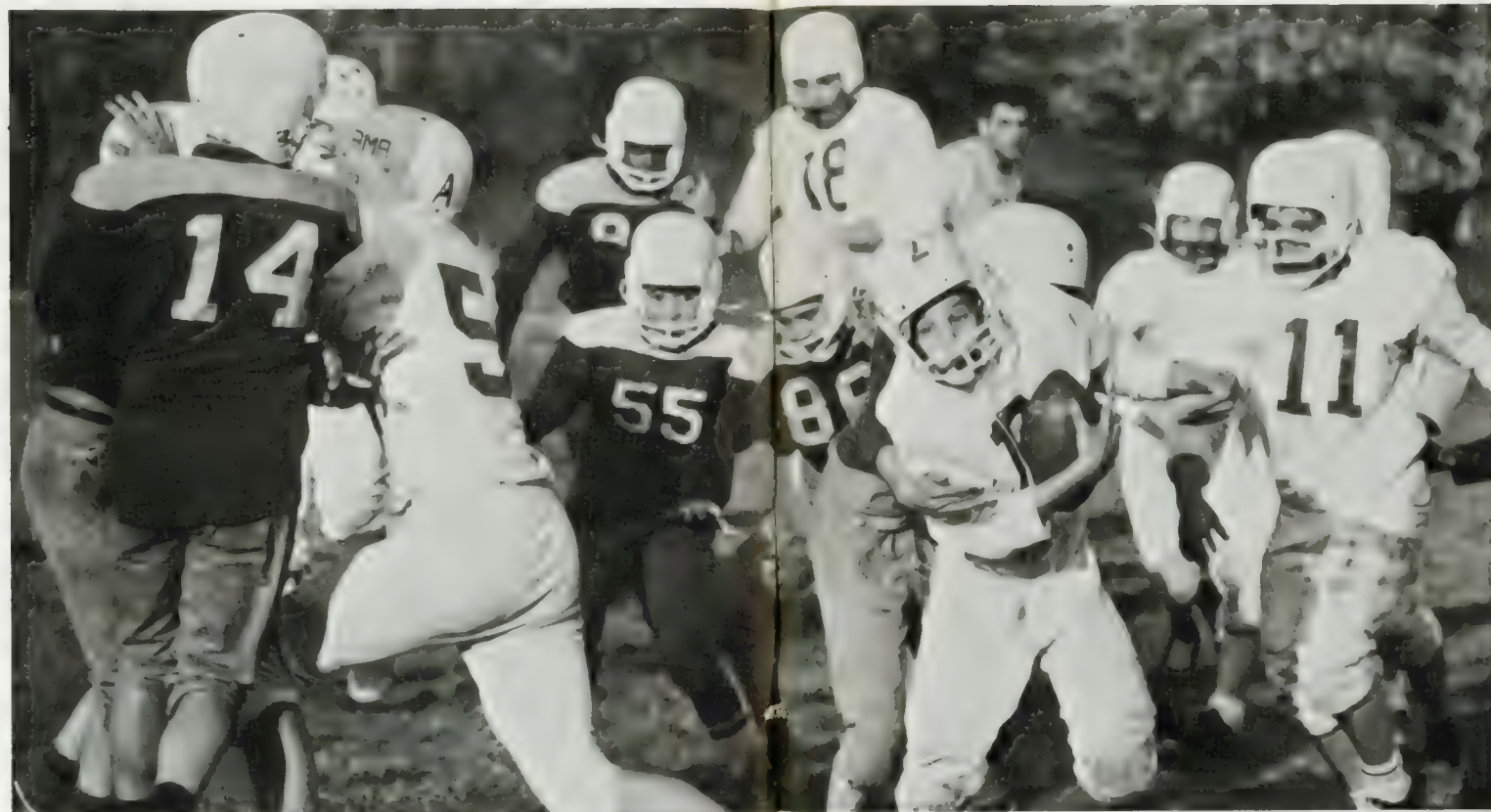
## Guidance and Direction

By combining a fine basic educational schedule with an extensive military and recreational program, and by stressing individual development, Augusta has been eminently successful in training Lower School cadets. There is scarcely a moment when a member of the Lower School faculty is not with the cadets. The afternoon program of military and athletics, the week-end program of religious services, parade, movies Saturday night and Study Hall—all join in the total development of Lower School students. Boys are taught to be neat, clean, respectful, sincere. They are guided by men with outstanding qualifications. Cadet Officers of "F Troop" are selected on the basis of leadership and on their ability to work with pre-teen age youngsters. Enrollment in the Lower School is limited; and results have been excellent.





## Additional Information for Lower School Parents



*Appetites soar when the Lower School has picnics. Food, fun and fresh air are in abundance.*



Boys in the Lower School are issued the same uniforms and equipment issued to boys in the Upper School. However, because younger boys are exceptionally active, Lower School students should bring to Augusta extra play pants, tennis shoes and athletic equipment. Many boys also like to bring models, kits for models, athletic uniforms and other equipment. The Academy understands these desires, and endorses them.

As for Upper School cadets, charge accounts for Lower School students may be opened by parents at the local dry-cleaning establishment. The parent may place a limit on the amount charged each week.

Lower School cadets are never allowed to wander off alone. With more than 1,200 acres around the Academy to interest them, boys have a lot of room for exploring or just hiking in fall and winter. Boys always go in groups.

When dances are held, Lower School cadets may attend



until 11:00 P.M. Permission covers the Opening Informal, the Holiday Ball, and Pin-Up Queen Dance. For the Final Ball, the younger boys may stay right to the end of the dance.

Banking day for cadets of "F Troop" is separate from Banking Day for cadets of the Upper School. An allowance of \$3.00 per week is recommended. Juniors may go to town on the bus on Saturdays, and they are required to return on the bus.

Parents may visit the Juniors anytime, except on closed week-ends. Permits are granted to Lower School students on Saturday after military until 10:00 P.M. and on Sunday after morning inspection until 3:35 P.M. The Academy welcomes visits by parents. If conferences with teachers are desired, they can be arranged by writing in advance to the Superintendent. AMA prefers that parents do not visit during the first month of enrollment.







## Additional Information





# The Honor Code of Cadets of Augusta Military Academy

I. It shall be a violation of the Honor System at Augusta for any cadet to:

- a. *Lie*. Lying is defined as any misstatement of the facts when a cadet is to gain thereby. Official reports which are falsified are considered to be for personal gain. A cadet may refuse to answer a question, however.
- b. *Cheat*. Cheating is defined as giving or receiving any unauthorized help on any written work, tests, examinations, or any work which is done in class. It is considered cheating to get help on homework or other outside-of-class work which is designated by the teacher as pledged, and must be done by the cadet alone, without help. Such work shall have the word "Pledged" and the cadet's signature written on the paper when it is handed in.
- c. *Steal*. Stealing is the taking of property, rights, or privileges of someone else without his prior consent.

## II. Procedure.

The Honor Committee shall consist of eleven members; nine cadets selected by the Superintendent and the Advisory Board, one elected old cadet representative, and one new cadet representative. Seven members will constitute a quorum. Hearings will be conducted entirely by cadets, except that there shall be a member of the Advisory Board present at each hearing, whose duty will be to see that the accused is given a fair trial and that dignity and decorum are preserved by the Honor Committee. A faculty officer shall defend the accused. No publication or information about the case will be given out except when a cadet is found to be guilty.

The findings of the Honor Committee will then be submitted to a faculty board, consisting of the Advisory Board and the Commandant, for review, and this body will then submit the case to the Superintendent for final action. The Honor Committee is a fact-finding body and may use its own rules of evidence and it will be the sole judge of these rules.

## III. Application.

The foregoing rules shall apply only to those cadets in the first year of high school (eighth grade) and higher. Lower School offenders will be handled by Lower School faculty, with review by the Advisory Board.

## IV. Implementation.

A suitable card with the provisions of Paragraph 1 written on it will be prepared, and each cadet will be required to sign it, thus signifying his intention of abiding by the system.

However, breaches of the Honor System do not require the signed pledge as evidence in cases, since each boy will be presumed to be a member of the Honor System upon submitting his application to Augusta.

## V. Participation.

No Honor System, regardless of its rules, can work efficiently without 100% participation by all cadets. Each cadet is urged to adhere to the system herein set forth, and to see that his fellow cadets do so also. It is the duty of each cadet, not merely the members of the Honor Committee, to enforce the provisions and report violations to members of the Committee.

## Admission Information

When a boy visits the school he may be given the Otis Beta or Gamma test. The information from this test enables the administration to better interpret the academic avenues the boy should follow. Boys who are unable to visit the School will have their earlier test records carefully studied. This necessitates early submission of previous school records. No boy under 10 or over 20, will be accepted. We recognize certified work from other accredited institutions, but reserve the right to reclassify a boy any time during the first semester if the Superintendent deems it necessary.

To be properly classified before entering Augusta, it is absolutely imperative that a prospective student must have a transcript of previous scholastic work mailed to the Headmaster's office. A boy may be admitted at any time during the school year, but it is best if the boy enters at the beginning of the school year or at the beginning of the second semester in order that he may begin work with the regular classes.

## Enroll Early

As the school is limited in numbers, an early enrollment is wise for several reasons. A visit to the school by parent and son is advisable. This helps instill a feeling of belonging and desire to enter in the boy. Sufficient correspondence between the parent and the school will give time for both to make necessary preparations. The school



will have extra time to classify the boy and to arrange for room accommodations. The boy will know more about what to expect, what to purchase before arriving, and the parent will better understand the financial arrangements.

## How to Reach Augusta

Fort Defiance, Virginia, is easily accessible by rail, bus, plane or private vehicle. The school is located on Highway No. 11, eight miles north of Staunton and 12 miles south of Harrisonburg. For cadets arriving by rail, it is best to secure tickets to Staunton, Virginia, which is on the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. Connections from the south may be made in Richmond or Charlottesville. Bus service is maintained between Staunton and Fort Defiance, or taxi service may be used. Ample accommodations can be found at Staunton for persons arriving at night. All baggage should be checked to Staunton, Virginia. All telegrams may be sent to Augusta Military Academy, Staunton, Virginia. The express office is at Staunton, Virginia, and all trunks should be checked accordingly. Telephone calls to the offices of the school may be made by calling Staunton, 885-1281. Cadets are allowed to receive long distance calls only over the cadet telephones, Staunton 886-9863, 886-9872, 886-9626 and 886-9728. The area code is 703. Lower School telephone is 886-1002.

Flight service is available via Piedmont Airlines at the Shenandoah Valley Airport which is located at Weyer's Cave, Va., five miles from the Academy. Airport limousine service is available.

## Upon Arrival

It is unnecessary for a boy to bring any civilian clothing with him except for what he is wearing. A boy is completely outfitted within a short time after arriving. The cost of uniforms should be viewed by patrons as an economy rather than an expense. Augusta uniforms are made of superior material, which with proper care will last the boy from two to four years. Upon arrival at School, the cadet's registration will be completed.

## Good Health—an Asset

The health of our cadets is of primary importance to the school. Every precaution is taken to prevent carelessness

and indiscretion in dress. Plenty of exercise in the open air, plenty of rest, excellent water, wholesome food, and systematic hours for both work and play help to keep every boy in excellent physical shape.

In case of sickness, each cadet is carefully attended. A trained nurse and a helper are in constant attendance at the infirmary, which is open twenty-four hours a day. This building is located near the center of the grounds and is convenient to everyone. A physician makes a daily trip to the Academy for "sick call." In case of serious illness, a qualified hospital is located in Staunton, eight miles away. In all cases of serious sickness, parents are immediately notified and are kept informed of the boy's condition. All cadets undergo a thorough physical examination and during the year flu shots are administered to all cadets.

## Cadet Accident Insurance

Augusta and all of the employees of the Academy exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent accidents and injuries. The Academy and its employees assume no responsibility for any injury or accident received by any cadet while enrolled as a student. For this reason, all patrons are required to secure an accident insurance policy, which protects the boy against accidents, not only while in school, but while coming to or leaving the school. This policy is handled by the school at a rate depending upon the preceding year's experience. The policy is effective for a twelve months' period.

## The School Bank

The Academy conducts a bank which is controlled by the Business Manager. It is maintained entirely for the purpose of serving the cadet. Here all checks are cashed, and before furloughs, transportation may be arranged. Cadets may deposit their money at any time, thereby preventing loss and foolish spending. Banking hours are held once a week, and checks are used which are good only at the school bank. The banking system helps a cadet to learn how to handle money, and allowances may be controlled by the parent. The school believes that \$4.00 per week for Upper School cadets is sufficient spending money on the average. The parent, however, may allow his son to have any amount of money he desires.



Winter Uniform and Overcoat



Winter Uniform



School Uniform, Winter



Spring Uniform



## Uniforms and Equipment

The every-day dress of an A.M.A. cadet consists of grey shirt, grey trousers, black tie, belt, regulation high top black shoes, and blue jacket. There can be no doubt as to the economy involved here. A deposit of \$350.00 for new cadets and \$150.00 for old cadets for uniforms and equipment is required on entrance of the boy. These amounts are average costs, but may run slightly higher or lower in individual cases. Boys who attain officer rank will be required certain uniform accessories not listed below:

### Uniform Allowance

- 1 AMA Blouse and Insignia
- 1 Belt, web
- 1 Belt, black leather and buckle
- 2 Cap Covers, white
- 1 Cap, Garrison and insignia
- 1 Cap, overseas
- 1 Pr. Gloves, grey wool
- 2 Prs. Gloves, white
- 1 Overcoat
- 1 Raincoat, uniform
- 8 Shirts, grey
- 1 Wool zipper jacket
- 2 Ties, black
- 2 Trousers, grey wool
- 2 Trousers, dacron
- 2 uniform sweat suits and gym clothes
- 3 Trousers, white duck
- 1 Set webbing, and plates
- 2 Barracks bags
- 1 Blitz cloth
- 2 sets of name tags
- 1 Regulation blue blanket



School Uniform, Spring & Fall



Fatigue Uniform



Athletic Uniform



Mess Jacket, Dances



## Regulations

The following regulations are permanent in character and are presented here for the information of the parent:

1. Leaving the school premises without special permission is prohibited.
2. The use of intoxicants or having them in possession is prohibited. Violators of this Regulation may be dismissed, regardless of whether a violation is committed while leaving or while returning to school while on permit.
3. Gambling and betting, contraction of debts are prohibited.
4. The use of profane and obscene language is prohibited.
5. The reading or possession of improper literature is prohibited.
6. The possession of firearms is absolutely prohibited.
7. Injury to property, regardless of whose it is, is prohibited. Any damage to the property of another cadet or to the school will be charged to the parent.
8. Behaving in a dishonorable or insubordinate manner is prohibited and may result in expulsion.
9. Smoking is discouraged and is restricted to certain specified areas.
10. Cadets' rooms are subject to inspection at all times. Therefore, they must be maintained constantly in a neat and orderly manner.
11. Cadets are required to maintain themselves in a neat and orderly appearance at all times. Clothes must be clean and pressed; hair must be cut and shoes shined.
12. No cadet is allowed to have a car in his possession at the academy or in the vicinity.
13. *No old cadet may force any new cadet to do menial labor such as sweeping the old cadet's room, policing it, or making a bed. This is an expelling offense and if any old cadet violates this rule, he is subject to a dishonorable discharge.*
14. Certain areas are restricted and are out of bounds for AMA cadets. These are listed in the "Blue" Book of regulations which each new cadet receives during orientation. Any violation of these rules will result in immediate expulsion.

## Remarks

Injury to property at the Academy by a cadet is repaired at his expense.

Cadets are free to write home at any time. If they complain, or report any wrong that exists, Augusta urges the parent to inform the school at once, so that the irregularity, if any, may be corrected at once.

The school will not be responsible for property lost or abandoned by cadets, nor for injury to property through unavoidable accident, nor for unavoidable accident to any cadet.

Parents are urged to visit their sons only from Saturday afternoon until Sunday evening. Visits at other times interfere with the boys' work.

No week-end furloughs are granted except in the case of emergencies. Parents are requested not to ask for them. Augusta gives sufficient holidays during the year so that week ends are not necessary or advisable.

Augusta requests that each cadet who requires eye treatment or dental work attend to this before entering in September, at Christmas, or during Spring Rest Period. All other dental work or eye examinations must be handled through the reliable dentists and specialists in Staunton, except for brace work on a cadet's teeth. Special permission may be granted for this.



*Preparing to graduate, AMA cadets mirror their feelings and tears flow.*







## Scholarships and Awards

The Academy tries in every way possible to recognize the achievements of its students, not only in academics, but in every phase of activity. In connection with this, several colleges of the state offer scholarships to Augusta graduates. Some are awarded on a need basis, others on a competitive basis. However, since they vary from year to year, no attempt is made to list them in the catalog. Interested cadets may find out more information about them from the Advisory Board, the Superintendent, or the Headmaster.

The scholarships for Augusta cadets are awarded on the basis of need and ability. All awards are announced during Commencement Exercises.

### The Alden J. Blethen 3d Scholarship

In memory of their son, Alden J. Blethen III, who was killed in an accident in the summer of 1930, General and Mrs. C. B. Blethen, of Seattle, Washington, have established a perpetual scholarship to be awarded annually to some worthy boy who is in need of financial aid. This scholarship, which is worth \$250, will not be awarded to any boy for more than two consecutive years. Alden J. Blethen III, attended Augusta Military Academy for five years and graduated in June, 1930.

### The Mundin Scholarship

As a memorial to his father and desiring to assist worthy boys in securing an education, the late Lewis H. Mundin, Jr., of Richmond, Virginia, who graduated from the Augusta Military Academy in June, 1927, established a perpetual scholarship valued at \$250 to be awarded annually to some deserving boy. The award will be made on the basis of scholastic ambition, good sportsmanship and financial need, and will be awarded only to boys who have spent at least one year at the Academy.

## Medals and Awards

Annually, at graduation exercises, various medals and awards are presented to outstanding cadets in many fields. Some of the most prized are as follows:

**ACADEMIC AWARD.** To the cadet who makes the highest average.

**MILITARY PRIZES.** First. For military excellence during the year. Second. Best-drilled cadet in individual competition. Third. Neatest room during the entire year.

**CROWLE MEDAL.** In honor of the late Mr. J. D. Crowle, Jr., of Staunton, Virginia, an alumnus, a medal for the best student in Spanish.

**FERGUSON MEDAL.** Mr. W. M. Ferguson, of Roanoke, Virginia, an alumnus, gives a medal to the best student in all subjects.

**REED MEDAL.** Mr. H. E. Reed, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, an alumnus, gives a medal for Marksmanhip.

**RICHEY MEDAL.** In honor of the late Mr. F. O. Richey, of Cleveland, Ohio, an alumnus, a medal for the best student in chemistry.

**CLARKE MEDAL.** Mr. L. B. Clarke, of Washington, D. C., an alumnus, gives a medal for the best student in History.

**SHOOK MEDAL.** Major C. F. Shook, of New York City, gives a medal in memory of his son to the best student in Military Science.

**MAGGIE BELL ROLLER MEDAL.** The Maggie Bell Roller medal is awarded the most loyal cadet.

**SAVEDGE MEDAL.** C. E. Savedge, of Richmond, Virginia, Head of the Science Department, offers a medal to the best student in Biology.

**BAUSCH & LOMB AWARD.** The Bausch & Lomb Optical Company offers a plaque to the best student in Science.



# Augusta Military Academy

Fort Belvoir, Virginia

GEN. CHAS. S. ROLLER, JR.

PRINCIPAL

Dear Parent:

There is nothing on earth so sacred as a human life. For this reason alone, the selection of a suitable school for your son is one of the most important decisions you will be asked to make during his early years.

We believe that any parent looking for a school for his son is interested mainly in finding one which will accept the boy as an individual and will study him and his problems as such. As a parent you want a school which will help him along the path to greater knowledge, independence and manhood through the many phases of campus activity.

The function of any school should be primarily academic in nature, with the deeper realization that a future citizen is placed in its hands for molding into a Christian, a gentleman, and a scholar.

As every human is an individual in traits, Augusta first studies the boy, records its findings and classifies him according to his needs and his desires. All the tools of a good secondary education are provided at the Academy, but more than that, a military routine is offered which places the boy ahead of the system, and athletic facilities are available for each cadet to have some outlet for his adolescent vitality. The men who will direct and lead your son through these formative years have been chosen for their ability in their fields, their understanding of boys' problems and for their gentlemanly qualities.

What is often learned in the classroom may be rapidly forgotten, but those intangible qualities of personal integrity, reliability, cooperation, self-control, appreciation of true values, tolerance, courtesy, and the will to go forward are traits which Augusta hopes to instill in each boy in his preparation for life. Everything a man possesses may be swept away by the tides of fortune, but never will anything destroy a man of character, a gentleman with a well-trained mind.

Sincerely,

*Chas. S. Roller Jr.*  
Charles S. Roller, Jr.,  
Principal.



# History of Augusta Military Academy

In 1865, when the Civil War-torn Valley of Virginia had practically no educational facilities at all, the Augusta Military Academy was founded by a young Confederate soldier named Charles S. Roller. His idea was to provide a high school education for the soldiers whose education was interrupted by the great war. The young soldier, father of Gen. C. S. Roller, Jr., the late owner and principal, named the school Augusta Male Academy. It started as a day school but it became so popular that it was later made a boarding school and renamed Augusta Military Academy.

This, however, was not the true beginning of Augusta. In 1742, the Reverend John Craig, who was the first pastor of the historic Old Stone Church which adjoins the A. M. A. campus, started a small day school on the site of the present school. His students came from many miles around and walked or rode on horses to secure the knowledge that they so desperately needed. School ran on in this fashion until the Civil War when the men went to war and the academy was closed. During the war, the Northern General Seigel came through this part of the valley with his troops and burned the school buildings to the ground.

In 1907, the founder of the present Augusta Military Academy, Prof. Charles S. Roller, retired on account of ill health and his two sons, Colonel Thomas J. Roller and Major Charles S. Roller, Jr., assumed active control. Under their able management, the school grew to its present size and secured the nation-wide acclaim that it has.

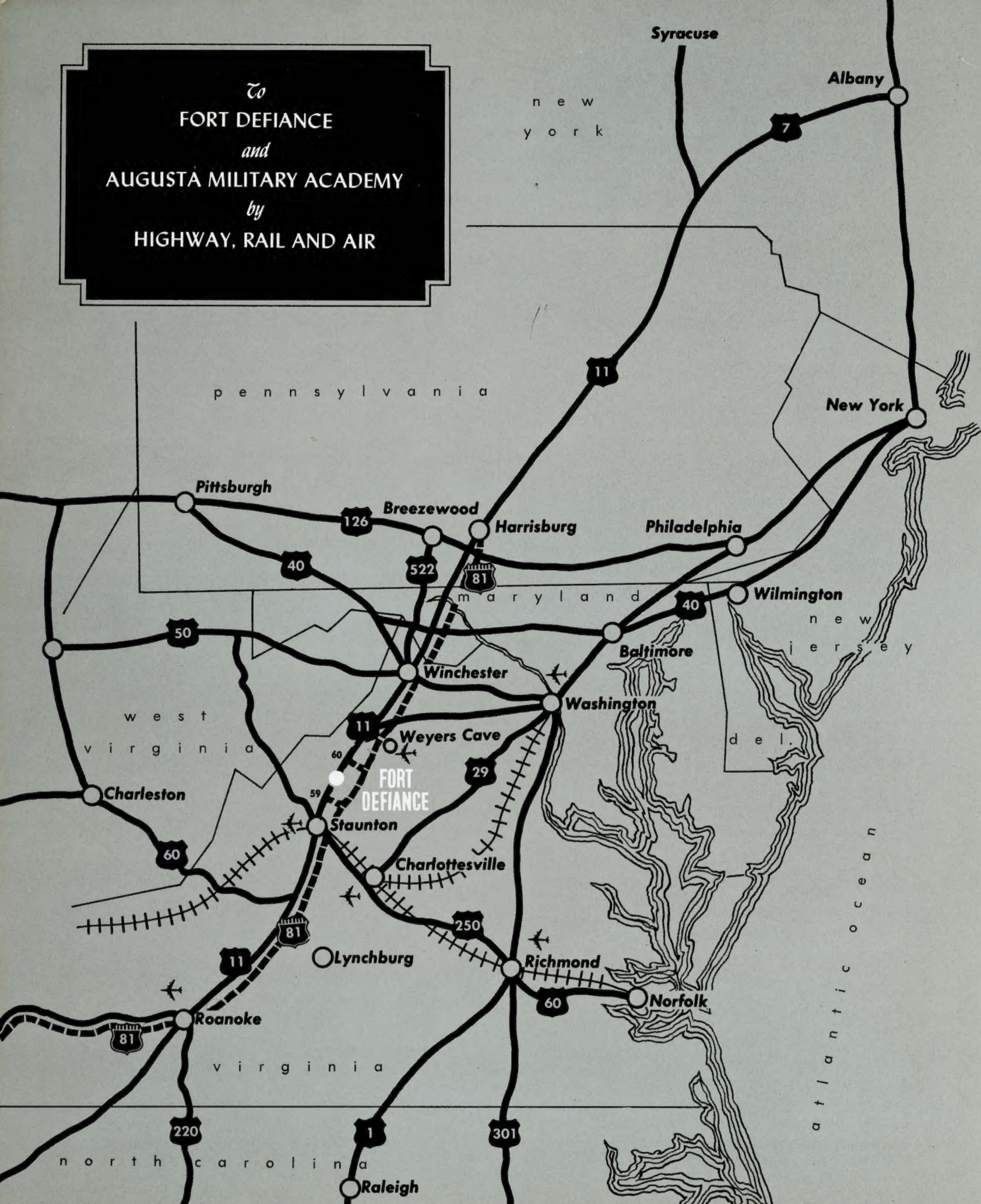
A partnership that had existed for half a century was unfortunately terminated on March 10, 1946, when Col. T. J. Roller died in Coral Gables, Florida. Major Roller then assumed control of the school. In 1946, also, Major Roller was promoted to Colonel in the Virginia State Guard, and in 1961 to Major General. In 1963 Colonel M. H. Livick assumed the position of Acting Principal upon Gen. Roller's death. In August, 1963 Col. W. Leonard Gardner was appointed Superintendent and acted in this capacity until his retirement in July 1966. Colonel M. Harris Livick was appointed Superintendent at that time. The school remains a family school with Mrs. Chas. S. Roller, Mrs. H. M. Livick and Col. Livick as trustees of the Academy.







To  
FORT DEFIANCE  
and  
AUGUSTA MILITARY ACADEMY  
by  
HIGHWAY, RAIL AND AIR



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